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#### EVERYONE AT THE GEM WISHES ALL OF OUR READERS AND ADVERTISERS A PEACEFUL, HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND EVERY SUCCESS IN THE NEW YEAR.

The GEM will not be publishing next week. We will return on Thursday, December 31. (See page 7)

Gareth Howe: a 'towering figure in the town...'

## Tributes pour in after death of 'inspiring man'



Gareth Howe.

PENARTH police

year-old man was

assaulted at about

Pilot public house,

Queens Road.

at the University

are asking the public for help, after a 39-

9pm on Sunday, November 29, at The

The victim suffered serious injuries to his leg

which required treatment

Police appeal

after assault

ure in the Barry community - that is Mr will remembered by the many people in the town who knew him.

A businessman, a member of the Royal British Legion, a senior elder at his church, a Rotarian, a campaigner for the town of Barry – Gareth Howe was all of these and more.

Mr Howe died in the University Hospital of

anyone who was at the

Pilot public house at the

time in question and

investigations

by TIM CHAPMAN

had a successful career as many a timber importer, and was involved in numerous church and charitable

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Barry Blue Plaques gave been brilliant

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may have information In recent years, he helped to inspire the regarding this incident. A 53-year-old man 'Barry Remembers' cam- lived in Barry. was arrested and has been released on police bail, pending further Anyone with information is asked to contact town in honouring some DC Alison Williams at of its most illustrious citi- time. Bridgend CID on 01446

The Vale's Assembly for the contribution he Member, Jane Hutt, told made to his beloved town The GEM: "Gareth Howe of Barry."

- that is Wales on Friday, was a towering figure in Gareth December 11, after a life the town of Barry, ill be that was distinguished by respected by all who service to his country and knew him, for his comthe town that was so close mitment to serving others

to his heart.

A pupil of Barry
County School, he joined fundraising restored the Royal Navy at the age war memorial for Barry, of 17 during the Second with the roll of honour World War. with the roll of honour marking the service and Following the war, he sacrifice given by so

> "His support for the community included his own church, Holy Trinity, with the new church community hall being built in Trinity Street thanks to

the town the opportunity to provide a lasting memory to distinguished men and women who have

paign, which refurbished She added: "Gareth the Cenotaph and Hall of Howe was a man who Memory, and also organ-ised the Blue Plaque and he will be greatly Scheme, recognising the missed. My deepest sym-proud heritage of the pathies and thoughts are with his family at this time. His life is one which we must celebrate

Member, Chris Franks, said: "Barry has lost a great champion with the death of Gareth Howe. He worked more than anyone to put the pride back in

Barry.
"He was passionate about the town and always wanted the best for it. I attended numerous meetings, including the Assembly's petition committee, where Gareth Howe was tireless in advocating Barry's cause. He will be sadly missed."

The chairman of the local branch of the Royal British Legion, Mr John Hobbs, said he was very upset to hear of Mr

Howe's death.

"He was a man who was respected by all our members.

"At our branch meeting at the town hall, a number of members paid warm tributes to Gareth."

Mr Hobbs praised Mr Howe and his family for their contribution to the life of the town.

"His father, Dudley, inspired the building of the Memorial Hall and Gareth made a presentation of flowers on the day opened in 1932. (Continued on page 5)

## **Bethany** (aged 2) is a top festive card designer!

THIS year's Flying Start Christmas card was designed by two-year-old Bethany Kinman.

She won the competition for a card to be printed and distributed to families within Flying Start areas in Barry.
"There were nearly

100 entries featuring snowmen with red bobble hats, stars, fairies and reindeers," said Flying Start co-ordinator Antonia Bridges.

"We had a fantastic response and choosing the winning card was very difficult. They were all beautifully made by the children.

A panel of Flying Start co-ordinators acted as judges and plumped for a 'very distinctive' design, comprising a reindeer in which Bethany used feet for the face and hands for the antlers. Bethany attends Dechrau'n Deg at Illminster Road.

Antonia added: "We would like to thank everyone who took part in the competition and wish everyone a Merry Christmas from the

Flying Start team"

• Flying Start is a Welsh Assembly



Government pro gramme that targets children up to four years of age in Jenner Park, Cadoxton and Oak Field primary schools areas.

(See page 24 for another picture)

ABOVE: Bethany Kinman and mum, Olivia, with the winning design in the Flying Start Christmas card competition.



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CHRISTMAS DAY

**BOXING DAY** 

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** 

**NEW YEAR'S DAY** 

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#### Remembrance representatives

N his letter published in The GEM on December 3, Mr J James wrote that he was pleased to see the south Wales branch of the Burma Star Association had attended the Rhoose Remembrance Day.

In fact, it was members of the National Malay and Borneo Veterans' Association (Cardiff branch) who attended the ceremony, together with its standard!

They were accompanied by their chairman, Mr John Kennedy of Penarth, and myself. Barry Wilkinson.

(president, Cardiff branch NM and BVA).

#### 'SO MUCH FOR **DEMOCRACY!**

AST week I attended the corporate resource scrutiny meeting of the Vale Council and was absolutely disgusted at the outcome, re the three local cash offices at Llantwit Major, Cowbridge and Penarth.

Both Coun Gwyn John and Coun Mark Wilson had called it in to scrutiny after the cabinet (of 10 Conservative councillors) had decided to close the offices at the end of the financial year.

After the committee had debated the issues with both Coun John and Coun Wilson emphasising the importance to the local communities of keeping these facilities open, the decision went

It was equal for and against, so it was the casting vote of the chairman Coun John Fraser (Conservative), who is also Mayor of Penarth this year, to decide to support the cabinet and close the offices within the next 10 weeks.

So much for local Government and democ-

It is also very noticeable how quiet Alan Cairns AM has been on this issue, when he has been so vocal lately on other issues in the Vale busy promoting his election campaign

Coun Ann Matthews. Llantwit First Independents, Llantwit Major Town Council

#### 'Focus will be on the issues

to a recent letter relating to the selection of my Labour opponent.

The assertion that criticisms of Labour's candidate and of her selection from an all-women shortlist, have come from Conservative activists is wrong

Neither I nor any party member, as far as I am aware, have voiced any disparaging com-

I note, however, that

WRITE in reply against their own councillors for criticisms and I feel that it is a sad day for local democracy when hard working party members are not allowed to voice their concerns without facing discipli-

Please be assured that I want to be part of a positive election campaign focusing on issues, not on personality, age or gender.

Alun Cairns (Conservative parliamentary candidate for

#### THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

## Readers

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#### WHO DECIDE! **TENANTS**

REFER to Mr Colin Wood's letter (The GEM, December 3) and contest his viewpoint that consultation with tenants is some sort of propaganda issue.

I also consider his comments on lack of information and consultation uninformed, recognising that a consultation group exists within the Vale and fol-

#### Local residents in the climate change demo

more radical in their

generations and this

beautiful earth will be

much more extensive.

level of concern here

the poorer countries.

echoed by Teresa

She also hoped that

the London event would demonstrate the high

about the serious effects

of climate change which

are already happening in

Her concerns were

Mitchell from Penarth,

2008 London rally and

had decided then to work

"I want our politicians

who had attended the

owards making the

Copenhagen meeting a

to have a clear mandate

sions and to support rad-

ical changes at Copenhagen. There are a

huge number of people

in the UK who are con-

Phil Kingston, Penarth

Even in this time of

cent up on last year's

Well done and

British Legion

says thank you

to thank the people of increase of 10 per Barry and surround- cent up on last year

Appeal.

total!

HE humans and canines of Dogs Trust Bridgend would like to thank

everyone who supported their

The volunteers who helped on the day were 'wag-tastic' and there was a fab festive atmosphere from all the members of the public. It was a huge success and raised more than

£2,000, which will go directly to look after the

many dogs in our care.
Rhia Stankovic-Jones (Dogs Trust Bridgend)

recent annual Christmas fair.

recession, this

equates to an

thank you.

Keith Harris

to reduce carbon emis-

policies about it.
"If we and they don't

act, the damage to future

MONG the residents of Dinas Powys and Penarth who went to The Wave, a demonstration in London on Saturday,

December 5 by people concerned about climate change. were five members of St Joseph's and St Mary's Justice and Peace group.

The event marked the beginning of the climate change talks in Copenhagen and brought together the members of organisations as diverse as the Women's Institute.

Christian Aid, Greenpeace and the Cooperative Society. Sheila Collins from

Dinas Powys said she was responding to the statements of politicians that if they knew they had public backing about cerned about the future climate change issues, they would be much

N behalf of

the Royal

British

Legion, I would like

ing areas for their

generosity, enabling our Poppy sellers to

lows the guidelines set down and recommended by the Assembly.

I would also add that the tenants who participate

in these discussions are definitely not 'yes people' or handpicked for any particular political bias. We are collectively neither devoid of any intel-

lect nor are we gullible.

This consultation group can be accessed by any tenant or interested party by telephoning Vale One Number and asking to speak to the tenant engage-

I feel personally that a little information only exacerbates what should be a non-political issue and inflammatory, and uninformed statements such as that expressed by Mr Wood only cloud the issue

Additionally, records of the meetings can be obtained via the same tenant engagement officer. Let's not forget, the tenants are the ones that

decide the issue of stock transfer - nobody else. Gerald Amos, Dinas Powys (Tenant panel member)

#### 'Let's have the correct figures

FEEL very sorry for those who will lose their jobs through the loss of the VC10 contract - but have we not been here before?

Was the Red Dragon hangar not going to create thousand of jobs and money into the community, in the end costing tax payers millions?

The St Athan College will be no different already having risen since first costed.

at the bigger picture?
Contrary to figures call-

Time

DATE

ing them 'new jobs', most are to be transferred from other bases. depleting work in those areas. On top of this, those trainers being sent here will bring with them partners and children needing jobs, and without doubt these peo ple will be considered first for jobs at the college. Furthermore, I would

like to hear the Conservatives, as well as Labour, state accurate figures on the college, so nce first costed. we can judge it on real
Isn't it time we looked merit – and not figures plucked out of fresh air. Vickey Way, Picketston

Time

#### HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL DECEMBER 31)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes earlier.

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22 Tues	10.07	13.3	22.22	13.1
23 Wed	10.39	12.9	23.01	12.7
24 Thur	11.24	12.5	23.39	12.4
25 Fri			12.03	12.3
26 Sat	00.28	12.1	13.08	12.0
27 Sun	01.41	11.9	14.24	12.1
28 Mon	02.52	12.2	15.32	12.6
29 Tues	04.01	12.9	16.36	13.2
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## Warm tributes paid to war veteran Colwyn

Cambrian Park have paid tribute to war veteran Mr Colwyn Evans, who died on December

Mr Evans, aged 89, served with the North Staffordshire Regiment in the Second World

Following the war, he worked as a newsagent in Pwllmelin Road Fairwater.

Mr Evans had lived at Cambrian Park for 34

The chairman of the residents' association. Mr Roy Thomas, paid the following tribute: "Colwyn was the life and soul of the park, the sort of person who would help anybody in trouble

"Although he was 89

on the park, even though some were younger than

"He used to take one neighbour, Mrs Miles, aged 90, to her weekly hairdresser's appointment and out on shopping trips.'

Mr Thomas's wife Sandra said: "Colwyn moved onto the park with his wife Edna after he retired from the newsagent's business

"Everyone knew him as a true gentleman, and he enjoyed talking to people on his daily

walks.
"Unfortunately, he had a fall while making his way to City Hall for the Remembrance Day parade. Despite hurting his shoulder he remained determined to carry on living at his home on the park."



Member, Jane Hutt, who knew Mr Evans, commented: "Colwvn Evans was a fine man of great integrity who served his country and was proud to be at the

Remembrance Day ceremony, supporting his friends in the services.

Second World War veteran, Colwyn ly remembered by his family and the Cambrian Park.

member of the Cambrian his home and stand up for his neighbours.

"I am so glad I had the opportunity to get to know Colwyn Evans over the past few years and admired his wisdom his wit and enjoyed his friendship. He will be greatly missed."

Mr Evans' funeral is tomorrow, December 18

Fagans Road, Cardiff, at 11.15am.

Evans, will be fondresidents who live at

Park Residents Association and everyone respected his dignity and resolution to stay in

at Fairwater Presbyterian Church, St

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### Lucy fails to win Miss World, but returns with 'unforgettable' memories

Lucy Whitehouse spent five weeks travelling the country, helping to raise money for charity - and visited an orphanage in Soweto.

MISS WALES,
Lucy Whitehouse of
Barry, didn't win
the Miss World

"She is glad to be
home and meeting up
with family and friends."
Lucy, aged 21, works
as a nurse at Barry. the Miss World crown in Johannesburg on Saturday, but spent an unforgettable five weeks in South Africa as part of

the event. Her mother Denny who works for the Vale Council, told The GEM: "She has had a wonderful experience in South Africa and would rec-ommend any young lady to follow in her footsteps and enter the Miss Vale of Glamorgan con-

Lucy, aged 21, works as a nurse at Barry Hospital, and since claiming the Miss Wales title has spent her time raising money for chari-

ty.
Denny added: "She was gracious and digni-fied in defeat, and a true credit to Wales.

"She still has a busy six months ahead as Miss Wales and will continue to raise money for the Joshua Foundation."

The winner of Miss World was Kaiane Aldorino, from Gibraltar.





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in a civil ceremony on Cyprus.

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Ayia Napa.

Christopher is the son of Joyce and Graham Dent of Barry, while Kimberley's parents, Tom and Hilary Fogg, live in Rhoose.

The bride wore a dress of ivory chiffon. In attendance were the bride's sister, Emily Barnett and brothers Laurence and Morgan Fogg, The best man was Adrian Dent.

The couple will make their home in Bridgend.

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ABOVE: Kimberley Barnett and Christopher Dent.

#### Police plea after Dinas burglary

VALE police are appealing to the public for help to solve a burglary at a house on Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys, sometime between 8.40am and 3.45pm on Monday, December 7.

Thieves made off with an Imac computer and a

black Tripp medium size lightweight suitcase with wheels and a coloured stripe.

Detective Sergeant Julian Kerslake of Barry CID said: "If anyone saw people behaving suspiciously in the area, or if you have information about this

crime, please contact the police."

Contact DS Julian Kerslake at Barry CID on 01446 731606, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## New Barry landmark, as Thompson Street footbridge is opened

The first pedestrians to cross the new Thompson Street footbridge in Barry, were Coun Pamela Drake, Castleland ward member, Coun Gordon Kemp, Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Rhodri Traherne, cabinet member for economic development and regeneration, and Coun Chris Elmore, Castleland ward member.

Waterfront to the to link the town centre town centre, was with the Waterfront and opened to the public yesterday, December "I would like to take

the Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Coun Gordon Kemp.
Construction of the new bridge, located at the junction of Thompson Street and Dock View Road, began in March 2000 are completed wides. just a few days ago.

The scheme was funded by the council, with support from the Welsh Assembly Government and Associated British Ports. It was designed by Parsons Brinkerhoff and

constructed by Carillion. The Vale Council cabinet member for economregeneration.

THE new Thompson Thompson Street foot-Street footbridge in bridge is without doubt a Barry, which links the crucial part of our vision

The bridge was officially declared open by Castleland ward for their patience and support dur-Council, ing the planning and construction of this imporregeneration scheme."

Coun Chris Elmore said: "The bridge pro-2009, and was completed vides much better and easier access to the medical centre in the Waterfront, and for Waterfront residents to access the shopping area in the town."

The bridge structure is fully completed, but the council intends to add further landscaping and development and artwork over the coming neration, Coun months, and to hold an Rhodri Traherne, told official launch of the new The GEM: "The bridge in March 2010.



### Crime message at town festival

PENARTH neighbourhood police officers entered into the Christmas spirit last weekend at the town's Christmas tree fes-

The fundraising festival, held at St Augustine's Church, succeeded in raising £2,800 with more than 2,000 people visiting the event. This year's chosen charities were the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign and Let the Children Live.

The Christmas tree entered by Penarth NPT was decorated using crime prevention leaflets and other crime prevention materials.









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### 'The Local' celebrates a reprieve



ABOVE: Manager Alan Peterson and staff at The Local are looking forward to a very 'Happy Christmas' after their jobs were saved.

#### PHOTOGRAPH by JAN IRVING

and new, to celebrate a

bright new future for the

Local businessman

Richard Pederson, who

is the joint owner of The

Three Horseshoes in

save the business.

Moulton, stepped in to

Richard told The

GEM: "Alan and the

team are very popular

already been working

its already looking the

best it has for two to

hard on the business

locally, and we've

TWO weeks ago, staff at The Local in St Nicholas Road popular off-licence. were starting to look for new jobs after Threshers closed hundreds of stores - but last night a party was in full swing after the business was saved!

The manager, Alan Peterson and the staff welcomed customers old

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## Tributes to Gareth Howe: proud

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"When the Royal British Legion became concerned at the state of the Cenotaph and the Hall of Memory, it was Gareth who took our views to the Town

Council.
"He was responsible for the Barry Remembers process, and largely responsible for the refur-bishment of the Cenotaph and the Hall of

Memory."
Mr Colin Jones, who had known Mr Howe since 1969, said: "I first knew of Gareth when I started my police career in the town.
"Later we became

near neighbours and friends. He like me was a member of the South Glamorgan Lieutenancy

"Gareth's passing will leave a tremendous void within the town of Barry. He spent his life helping others and was forever seeking ways to improve and enhance the image of the town. The number of organisations, committees, and action groups of which Gareth was a member were innumer-

MINUTE'S SILENCE three years with lots of Mr Paul Haley, the chairman of Pride in new offers. "People in Barry have Barry, said he would remember Mr Howe as been telling me it's nice "a wonderful inspirato see some good news!

tional man". Mr Haley said: "On Tuesday, a minute's silence was observed at the Regeneration Board in memory of Gareth.

"He founded Pride In Barry in 1994 and was

our president.
"He was a very proud
Barrian who made an enormous contribution to the hometown that he loved so dearly. "The Blue Plaque

Scheme was Gareth's idea from concept, and he ably managed the whole project.

We were very glad that he knew that the recent Blue Plaque event was a great success, although we were sad that he couldn't attend due to him being in hospital.

"It was Gareth's wish that the show should go ahead and it was a tribute to him.

"In our campaign to ensure continued funding for Barry regeneration, Gareth attended two Assembly hearings, one of which was to deputise

"He gave an astonish ing, statesman-like address to Assembly Members that clearly demonstrated Gareth's passion and love for Barry. His speech was very well received and made a great impression with those present.

"Gareth was also involved in creating Pride in Barry ambassadors, which recognised people and organisations that promoted Barry through their activities."

Mr Haley said that in the last few days, Pride in Barry had received many tributes to Mr Howe, showing the

esteem in which he was held, and the organisation would be passing them onto his wife,

Following a private interment, a thanksgiving service will be held at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church in

Barry tomorrow (Friday, December 18) at

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#### PUPILS IDEAS GAIN AN AWARD

### Colcot School council says NO to bullying!



Colcot pupils were rewarded for a prizewinning leaflet.



SCHOOL Council members of Colcot Primary School recently entered a Valewide competition focusing on prevention of bullying in schools.

Under the guidance of staff members Mrs Clarke

### WI get food for thought

RHOOSE WI NEWS

EMBERS of Rhoose Women's Institute held their Christmas social evening at the Community Hall ,Stewart Road ,Rhoose on December

Members had provided an ample supply of festive fare which was enjoyed by all and everyone sang for their supper with an enthusiastic rendition of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*.

This was followed by by a quiz, which provided much food for thought; a raffle; and the announcement of the winner of the competition, which this month featured the pansy

The next meeting will be held at the Community Hall ,Stewart Road, Rhoose on January 7, at 7.30pm, when Mr Chris Roberts will give a talk on the work of the Air Ambulance



and Mrs Ayres, they came up with ideas and worked hard to produce their leaflet aimed at addressing this emotive issue.

It was wonderful to hear last week that their entry won first prize for the junior section of the competition. School council chair, Kaitlyn Declaire, reacted to the news by saying: "We are really happy to win the prize and we would like to thank Mrs Sturgess for giving us the opportunity to help stop bullying.'

Prizes were awarded by Coun Tony Hampton and Mrs Nicky Sturgess (pupil support services) who attended a special assembly at the school, pre-pared and hosted by the school council under the leadership of Kaitlyn and Joshua Harris (vice-

The school council spoke to the children and staff of the school about their role ideas for preventing bullying.

At the end of the assembly, Kaitlyn and Joshua

were presented with £50 for the school council to spend on improving the school, which will be at the top of the agenda at their next meeting.

They were also presented with £20 as a reward

for their efforts. They were in the process of organ-ising a school council Christmas party to enjoy their prize.

Mr Richards and the staff of Colcot Primary School are justifiably proud of what the school council have achieved and look forward to hearing ideas on the spending of the £50 prize

Vale school links up with the Continent

RIGHT: Vale Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams and Vale Council leader Coun Gordon Kemp have enjoyed afternoon tea with teachers involved in a planned Comenius Proiect initiative between St Nicholas Church in Wales Primary and schools in France. Poland, Latvia and

CULTURAL celebrations' is the theme of a project planned by a group of European schools, including St Nicholas Church in Wales Primary in the Vale.

St Nicholas is linking up with schools in France, Poland, Latvia and Spain as part of a Comenius Partnership Project to learn more about each other, the countries, approaches to education and cultures, thereby increasing the

edge of pupils as well as the professional knowledge of staff.

St Nicholas recently played host to the European visitors to agree the necessary perwork for funding submissions to respective national agencies. Headteacher Rob

Williams said: "Through the two-year project we are looking to share good practice and devel op pupil activities linked with the 'cultural cele-brations' theme."

The St Nicholas project is being co-ordinated by Caroline Fouracre who, together with other

staff, will visit their Vale Council leader 'twin' schools. Mrs Fouracre said: "Various Coun Gordon Kemp Coun Kemp said:

products and activities am delighted that, with will be undertaken

the enthusiasm of the throughout the project including shared staff, St Nicholas Church in Wales is supporting European banners, news-papers, folk tale themed this exciting initiative.
"It will provide the calendar, a web-based blog, opportunities for

opportunity for their enthusiastic pupils and those across Europe to exchange experiences, increase their general knowledge and learn how to appreciate and understand each other's views through activities integrated into the school curriculum.

### Paget Rooms get upgrade

COUN Anthony Ernest has welcomed improvements to the popular Paget Rooms. following further investment by Penarth Town Council.

Arising from recent decisions by the council's leisure and amenities committee. it has been decided to renew the 10-year-old stage lighting control panel at a cost of sev-eral thousand pounds, bringing the overall lighting system up to a greatly improved standard.

Coun Ernest, who is concert hall."

the committee chairman, said that the decision to renew the switchboard was overwhelmingly approved, following a report by the town clerk that spare parts were now virtually unobtain-

He added: "The town council does not receive any grant aid or external funding for the services it provides in the town, so we are grateful to every resident of Penarth for having contributed to the future of popular shows in this vintage

### **Anyone for** Scrabble?!

Scrabble is a six-yearold Jack Russell – he is a lovable rogue but he has got himself quite stressed in kennels and is desperate to find a new home, a spokeswoman at the Does Trust Bridgend rehoming centre reports.

pupils to use video con-ferencing links and a

During their visit, the

shared end of project

celebrations festival.

European teachers enjoyed afternoon tea

with Vale Mayor Coun

Emlyn Williams and

He was brought into us from a pound as a stray. We are not able to put him in the main kennels as he has got himself quite stressed and we would love him to find the right home. Scrabble is a clever little dog who can beg, give his paw and speak!

He ideally needs a home where he can be the only dog, so he can get lots of attention and if his home has children they will need to be teenagers.

He has boundless energy and is good when he is being han-dled by the staff here. He will need a home



Scrabble.

that can keep him com pany, as he does not like to be alone at the moment but this can be worked on with more training

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## Cash windfall for Barry Thank you for saying you saw it in The GEM Cash windfall for Barry pupils' computer work



ABOVE: Richard Keogh from the Consortium talks to the pupils about their ideas for the Waterfront.

CHRISTMAS gift time arrived early for Barry Island Primary School with more than £1,000 funding from Barry Waterfront Consortium.

The cash will enable the school to buy a new Mac com-puter for pupils to get involved with creative digital work. Headteacher Mrs Hayward

said: "As the world becomes increasingly digital, it is essential that we equip our children with the best opportunities to engage with technology and multimedia

Barry Waterfront Consortium, reaching our long-term vision for ICT.

"As an Apple Regional Training Centre, the technology will also be used to showcase creative multi-media work to other teachers in the locality."
The donation followed a series

of visits by Richard Keogh from the Barry Waterfront Consortium to the school, to see the project work year-5 have undertaken on the regeneration of the Waterfront.

Working one day a week with volunteer Jess Richmond, a prosoftware. volunteer Jess Kieminonu,  $\alpha$  is This funding, provided by the fessional urban designer and

town planner, the pupils designed their own masterplans for the Waterfront, outlining what they would like to see built as part of the development.

The ideas suggested include: a toy shop; chocolate factory; zoo; working farm; water park; forest; rollercoaster; fish farm; aquarium; homeless hostel; football stadium; and an X-Factor boot

Mr Keogh commented: "The pupils have put together some really colourful and imaginative proposals and it's great to see them take a real interest in the future of their town."



S we look back over 2009, there is no denying the fact that for us all it has been a very tough year, dominated by an unprecedented economic recession that has wreaked havoc in the business world, as people have been forced to 'tighten their belts'.

In the two adjoining county boroughs served by your Glamorgan GEM – the Vale and Bridgend - the picture has been the same over the long, dark months as in Wales and the rest of Britain (and, indeed, worldwide) with both our business folk and local residents feeling the pinch in the wake of a global financial meltdown.

Here at The GEM, we are intensely proud of our deep roots in the local community and strongly believe in its innate ability to surmount the difficulties ahead as we all look forward to the New Year.

We know, too, that unsung heroes of the voluntary sector have been badly hit by the economic downturn – and other critical factors, such as reduced Lottery funding as a result of the London Olympics - in particular, our local charities.

In response to this, despite the changes in the market place that have also had an impact on The GEM, we have decided to make a £200 donation to the local branch of the Samaritans charity, which like ourselves, serves the people of both the Bridgend and Vale of Glamorgan county boroughs.

The work of their dedicated volunteers has never been more desperately needed to cope with the inevitable human fallout from an unprecedented financial

The GEM's donation not only acknowledges the Samaritans crucial role at this difficult time, but also again underlines our own longstanding support and commitment to the community of which we are proud to be a

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#### **Quarry fall** lands company in court

A QUARRY owner has been fined £10,000 after a teenage trespasser was seriously injured in Bridgend last year.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) prose-cuted Tarmac Ltd of Wolverhampton – the owners of Cornelly Quarry – after a 15-year old boy easily gained access to the site and fell around 50ft. He suffered a broken elbow, fractured wrist and chipped pelvis in May 2008. The incident led to

Tarmac Ltd pleading guilty on December 11 to a breach of to a breach of Regulation 16 of The Quarries Regulations 1999 at Cardiff Crown Court. They were fined £10,000 with costs of £6,930.85

HSE's investigation evealed that a dense, impenetrable hedge running between the boundary of Cornelly Quarry and Heol y Splot had been removed in prepa-ration for expansion of the quarry but, because work had been delayed, it had been temporarily replaced by two lines of earth banks, which the injured youth, along with others, had easily

been able to climb.

HSE Inspector Alan Strawbridge said: "The youth clearly should not have been trespassing in the first place, but quarry owners are more than aware of the dangers posed by their sites, and have a duty to take reasonable precautions to prevent trespassers gain-

ing access.
"In this case, the earth banks were not suffi-cient, and while they were only temporary, there should have been more robust measures in place.

"There are some clear messages arising from this case. Quarry owners and managers need to fully risk-assess the dan-gers of their sites and proper measures to manage those risks.
"Additionally, there is

a message to the public that quarries are not leisure amenities and trespassing can result in serious injury.

"In this case the boy was lucky as a 50ft fall would usually result in more serious injuries and potentially prove fatal."

### DINAS POWYS PUPII EET THEIR WATERI



THERE are 25 very excited junior school pupils in Dinas Powys today (Thursday, December 17)

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because they will be stepping out on stage at the capital city's Cardiff biggest venue. the International Arena.

The Murch Junior School Choir have been chosen to sing in 'Abba the Show' before an audience of thousands tonight

(December 17).
The school's headteacher, Mr Thomas, told The GEM: "One of the parents put the school forward, and the fact that we have a well-established choir that performs regularly clearly helped."

He added that last week, the pupils had performed for two nights at St David's Hall in a local production.

The pupils have been hard at work rehearsing their parts in two ABBA standards, 'I have a Dream' and 'Thank ou for the Music'. The youngsters will be performing in the show which is a global concert tour, playing to hundreds of thousands of fans across America,

Europe and Asia.

Obviously, the pupils weren't born when the original Swedish Abba (Agnetha, Bjorn, Benny and Anni-Frid) won the Eurovision Song Contest with Waterloo in 1974, but most of them are familiar with Abba after watching the film Mamma Mia!

Murch Junior School Choir meets

eekly, as a voluntary after-school club. There are 49 boys and girls in the choir, aged between nine and 11 years, and 25 pupils are involved in the Abba Show.

### Christmas singsong for local luncheon club



RESIDENTS from the Gibbonsdown and Court wards enjoyed their Christmas lunch at the monthly Luncheon Club in the Communities First office, Gibbonsdown.

Members tucked into turkey and Christmas pudding, played bingo, and were joined by Tim Reynolds from the Salvation Army - who led them in a Christmas

sing-song. Michelle Sullivan, development worker for Communities First said: The Luncheon Club has



Pat Kirsch (left) and Jean Kear.

been running for 15 months now and this is our second Christmas

"It is a great place for local residents to come along and enjoy a two-

course low cost meal and make new friends. If anyone is interested in joining the club - please telephone the office on 01446 732406."

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So as you ponder how you're going to accomodate the turkey and all your so as you pointed frow you're going to accompose the turkey and all your in-laws in your current dining room or worrying about where your guests will sleep over Christmas, it's worth considering that making extra room this New Year will enhance your living space for the whole year, give you plenty of room for guests next Christmas and increase your property value.

To find out more please contact Fiona Evans directly on 01656 849395 or 07866 769442 or visit www.aonebuilder.co.uk



#### PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB NEWS UPDATE

#### Prepare your documents!

JUST when you think pressing Control+\*. (The that you know how to do something, you watch someone else do the same task and find that they do it differently - and bet-

Mike F spends time preparing fairly lengthy documents using Microsoft Word and showed us how he set about it. He started with a blank document and talked us through the process of creating a header, footer and a table of contents.

Headers and footers are repeated on each page whereas the head-ings in a table of contents appear only where placed in the document.

A header was duly set up showing the numerous ways that it can be formatted for effect by varying the style and size of the font, and the colour of the font and the background. Then a footer was created to include a page-number-ing sequence.

This can also be tai-

lored to suit your preference for position and style and it can show helpful information such as the total number of

pages.
All these arrange ments are assisted by being able to see the document controls by same key combination will also turn then off again.)

By inserting a table of contents (found under Insert/Reference/Index and Tables) it can be made easier to move

within the document. Mike showed that once you have decided on the relative importance of the headings vou want to use, the table of contents can be updated quite readily.

By clicking on an item in the Table, the cursor jumps to the correct point in the document, saving a lot of scrolling back and forth. The talk was rounded

off with a visit to the insertion of bullet points (which can help the visual layout for the reader) and the use of hyperlinks to jump to illustrations.

The general feelings expressed by the members was that, although they all produce docu-ments of some description, they hadn't realised just how much more could be done to make life easier.

Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information ring me on 029 2070 8439.

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### NEWS FROM THE RHOOSE LIFEGUARDS

#### AGM elects officers an ands out awards

Rhoose Lifeguards took place on November 25, and Fontygary Holiday Complex was thanked for its support.

The meeting was chaired by Coun Jeff James, vice-president, who thanked the club for its contributions to the community of Rhoose and surrounding areas, in and surrounding areas, in particular the patrolling of the lifeguard huts at Fontygary Bay beach and Barry Island and its involvement in the Remembrance Parade.

Following officer's reports and the election of officers and the committee, members of the club received a number of awards, including:

Best first year junior -Kathryn Gardner: Most improved paddler – Chris Boyle; Best junior – Hannah James; Toudie Cup – (joint first) -Kathryn Gardner and Chad Bremner; Kevin Rowlands trophy – Lana Evans; Most improved Nipper female – Tayla Tayla Most Edgerton; Most improved Nipper male -James Wadey; Jake Bremner award – Maisie James

Certificates handed to those Nippers who had attended Nipper Camp earlier in the year A number of members

al meeting of the Surf competence awards.

Newly qualified members received National Rescue Standard (NaRS) Awards

The club has had a fantastic year in competi-tion. Not only did it win the Wilkinson Sword Trophy but it was also A carol concert will presented with the first take place at the Stewart ever Welsh Superclub Road Community Centre, Rhoose this Friday,

eral new members over *Beavers*, the last 12 months and *Lifeguards*, *St.* Lifeguards can maintain from Rainbows. its high standard of training and safety.

Rhoose Lifeguards are join us. extremely grateful to the starts at 6.30pm and people of the Vale of admission is fee.

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received their Ski and supported fundraising Surf competence awards. events and for the sponsorship of various organisation

All have helped in the purchase of safety and training equipment to training equipment to enable the members to be trained to help keep our beaches safe.

Trophy. Rhoose this Friday,
A tremendous amount of hard work has been the NSPCC. There will put into training by both be performances by local coaches and members. organisations including The club has gained sev-Johns thanks to the dedication Ambulance, Rhoose of the coaches, Rhoose School, and the children

Everyone is welcome, please come along and join us. The evening

EDGERTON



ABOVE: Lana Evans.



ABOVE: Maisie James.

ABOVE: Among the awards the club has won this year are the Wilkinson Sword Trophy and the Welsh Superclub Trophy.



ABOVE: Hannah James.



ABOVE: Chris Boyle.

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## Garw Valley Railway holds first open day

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A number of old faces from the Vale of Glamorgan Railway at Barry Island were in attendance to use their 'Santa Special' skills to good effect and welcome local residents to 'see behind the scenes'

The successful event allowed visitors to view the rolling stock, restoration work and even to see the miniature railway in action.

Santa was in attendance and members were on

hand to discuss the railway project with visitors.

The next open afternoon will be on Saturday

(December 19) between 1.30-3.30pm.

The miniature railway will again be in operation, Santa will be in attendance and light refreshments will be available. The shed is located adjacent to Pontycymer leisure centre.

Any previous members of the Vale of Glamorgan Railway at Barry Island will find a warm welcome at the GVR and will soon feel very much at home with the number of Barry faces at Pontycymer! Work par-ties normally take place each Saturday between 9am-

Merry Christmas to all and especially those who

### Carwyn takes oath of office



BRIDGEND AM Carwyn Jones is pictured taking his oath of office as First Minister on December 10 before senior Presiding Judge for Wales, Mr Justice Nigel Davis.

THE Garw Valley Railway held its first supported our former Santa events at Barry Island

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS** ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is Patricia Bevan-Morgan (01656) 880418

ST Brides Major branch of the Mothers' Union met Friday morning in at the Atlantic Hotel, Porthcawl on December 11 for their Christmas lunch.

OGMORE Retired Residents' next meeting will be in The Watermill on Thursday, January 21, 2010, for a bar lunch and amusing readings. All are welcome.

WHILE in Llantwit Major at the weekend. I was sorry to learn that the Llantwit Major & District Country Market is unlikely to reopen in the New Year 2010.

I have visited the market for many year and found many friends there and the atmosphere very convivial around the coffee table. It would seem that the present cooks are unable to continue making cakes and that no younger cooks are available.

I would like to thank all the ladies for making Llantwit so very pleas-

The last meeting will take place on Friday, December 18 for free coffee and mince pies.

Not only is the country market closing, but also the council offices in Llantwit – making it even more difficult for people living in the western end of the Vale

to do any business. Glynis has always been so helpful in the Llantwit office. We, in the western Vale, wish her good luck for the future.

DON'T forget – the local produce market is in the church hall, St Brides Major, on Saturday, December 19 at 10.30am-12.30pm. I WISH all readers and staff of the Glamorgan GEM a very happy happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

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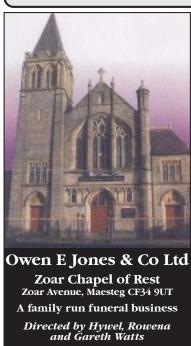
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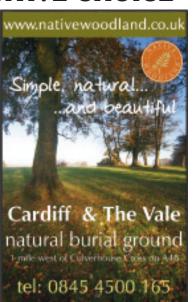
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#### Coping with loss at Christmas write down a memory of after Christmas, can be

or those who have recently lost a loved one. Christmas can be a particularly difficult

Joy Jones, a bereavement counsellor, explained: "Christmas is the time for close friends and family to come together and if one of those special people is missing, it just makes it all the more obvious

by Kate Hodal

grieving should try to embrace the holiday with an open mind and heart.

"Some people tend to panic at the thought of Christmas, as they do at birthdays or anniver-

One strategy that she suggests, although per-haps not for everyone, would be to revive some touching memories.

they're gone." "I often suggest to She suggests that those families that everyone

the person on gift tags – something funny or touching that they did – which can then be hung across the hearth or on the tree.

"Then, on Christmas Day, you can go and look at those tags and remem-ber how Mum or Dad used to do such and such. and, though it will be poignant, it will be a fond - not heartbreaking

Those tags can then be might seem more approsaved in a little box that, priate.

opened and looked through.

Joy said: "This makes the loss a positive experi-ence that can lift your spirits.'

Bereavement experts say that you must do what you feel comfortable with at Christmas when you have lost a loved one. For some peo ple a quiet time, rather than one of celebration

### of recycling in the Vale REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

Local resident loses his

faith in the process

man is questioning the efficiency of the Vale Council's recycling service after refuse collectors cleared his street in Boverton - leaving the recycling lorry with

nothing to pick up! Instead, Mr Graeme Harrison watched in amazement as black refuse bags and carrier bags containing glass, were all thrown into the same refuse lorry

The recycling vehicle, says Mr Harrison, arrived 10 minutes later to find an empty street.

Mr Harrison told The GEM: "We have always been told that ordinary rubbish should be put out in black plastic bags, and that recycling items should be in a different coloured bag to avoid confusion.

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rom mental health

The expanded service,

will have the

pupil referral unit'

in the Vale will dou-

refuse lorry."
The GEM raised the matter with the Vale Council and Clifford Parish, operational manager for waste management and cleansing.

His reply suggested that the recycling mate-rial should have been put out in an official

council plastic bin. He said: "All the council's collection crews are advised on what should be collected as residual refuse and what should be

recycled.
"However, in incidents where a resident chooses to use another collection receptacle other than that provided by the council, there is always the potential for our staff to confuse

recycling with refuse.
"In these circumstances, the decision is made that the material is refuse and should be removed from the

"The local environmental impact of leaving refuse on our street is far greater than that of recycling, and read-ers will hopefully

attached to counselling." Barnardo's Cymru has

already appointed coun-sellors to deliver and

Last week's GEM

'Authorities should act

more decisively against

the bullies', which told the story of a schoolboy

been victimised by fellow

pupils, leading to two breakdowns, drew calls

to our newsroom.
The general response

was that people were glad the issue had been

aired, with some specu-lating as to whether the

school was in Barry, Penarth or somewhere else in the Vale.

The GEM will not

divulge any details of either the pupil or the school involved, and

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the issue

make any assumptions on the location of the school, as the authorities

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who claimed he had

develop the service.

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understand why, if our crews are in any doubt, the material must be dealt with as if it was refuse.

He confirmed that once dumped in the general refuse lorry, there was no chance of it being recycled.

He continued: "As

the bags were unfortunately collected by the refuse collection crew, they would have been taken for landfill disposal.

'Once mixed with household refuse, they would have been too contaminated to separate for recycling.
"Should your reader

like to contact me directly. I would be happy to arrange the issue of up to three of our recycling boxes to his address.

"By using these boxes to place out seg-regated household waste, glass, paper and cans on week one, and plastic and cardboard on week two, it should guarantee that all future recycling will end up

being recycled."
Mr Harrison told The GEM that he had never been offered the official bins, but said that he would be in touch with the council

to get some. He added: "If I put out a carrier bag full of newspapers, or a bag full of glass, I still find it hard to understand how the collection crew can't see what is obvious.

"If you put a bit of glass in with your plas-tic by mistake, they seem to spot that pretty quickly."

### College safe after MoD cutbacks

Technical College (DTC) at St Athan appears to have survived the swingeing cuts announced week by Bob Ainsworth, Defence Secretary.

Alarm bells started

ringing when the Prime Gordon Minister, Brown, announced that around £1 billion would be poured into the Afghanistan conflict over the next three years, to improve the

Army's capability there.
The £12 billion budget attached to the DTC made it a possible target for the cuts, but the axe appears to have fallen elsewhere, as £900 million is trimmed

RAF Cottesmore in the English Midlands is to close, and two Royal Navv vessels are to be withdrawn from service.
In addition, the RAF

is to lose one of its Harrier squadrons, and there are plans for job cuts in MoD civilian

THE Defence "I believe the Defence Secretary's written statement re-affirms the national importance of the £12 billion Defence Technical College, which I have campaigned long and hard to bring to St Athan.

"The project is exact-ly the type of smart spending the MoD is looking for. I have it on good authority that the MoD considers the DTC to be absolutely critical to the future of our Armed Forces and a new timetable for the delivery of the project is expected in the New Year" He continued: "The

St Athan project will rationalise the technical training of our military students from the Army, Navy and RAF under roof here in the

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#### 'Light a candle' for loved ones

THE 'Light a Candle event' will be held again this year at Merthyr Dyfan Chapel, Barry Cemetery, on Sunday, December

20, from 10am – 3pm.

The event, organised by The Friends of Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery has proved popular with residents.

The chair of the friends, Coun Nic Hodges, said: "Once again, with the kind permission of Barry Town Council, the Friends will open the chapel to all visitors to light a candle and spend a quite time in the chapel remembering loved ones.

"Last year, there was a special atmosphere, with the chapel lit by candlelight, and we hope to recreate this once again."

## YOUTH FORUM'S



(left to right): Phoebe, Georgia, Communities First development worker Michelle Sullivan, and Charlotte.

members Gibbonsdown Court Youth Forum, from the Communities First Board Partnership took the children on an ice skating trip to Cardiff Winter Cardiff Wonderland.

Over the last few Members of nonths, the forum Youth Forum

AS a 'thank you' to all members have been organised all the mar of the meeting weekly at the keting and promotion of the Communities First of the professional office in Gibbonsdown to participate in the Night Out, Young showcased at the Hu Promoters Scheme' in Barry on Wednesda which will enable the December 16, at 7pm. professional show A Komedy Of Errors, by Berzercus, to

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show, which will be showcased at the Hub in Barry on Wednesday

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#### Praise for town's parade

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Coun Anthony Ernest, who is chairman of the town council's festivals organising committee, said that the parade had been extremely successful in attracting hundreds of visitors to the town on what was a disappointing weather day.

He said: "I would like to thank all the traders who took part in making the annual Christmas event the success it was; the many children and young people who carried on despite the downturn in the weather; and especially all those who helped to put together and run the show on the day. It was a fantastic success.

"Local people have told me that they really enjoyed the day, and those local businesses that opened specially for the occasion were delighted by the

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## Jonze's Wild Things are enjoyable company!

us into the head of John Malkovich, and given us a film starring Nicolas Cage as a pair of twins, it was intriguing to see where Spike Jonze

pitched up next. However, despite the odd outing on music video directing duty and goofing around with his Jackass friends, it seemed Jonze was taking his time in bringing his next project to the big screen.

That wait is now over. as his take on Maurice Sendak's Where The Wild Things Are finally makes it into cinemas. The children's story cen-tres on Max (Max Records), a boy who is sent to bed by his mother (Catherine Keener) where he invents a magical world populated by ferocious creatures (voiced by, among others, James Gandolfini, Paul Dano and Chris

Cooper).

Adopted by the creatures as their leader, Max soon starts to realise it isn't what he

thought...
Adapting books for the big screen can be an undeniably fraught process – after all, try boiling down a 700-page book into a 120-minute film without losing the essence of the story.

For Spike Jonze and fellow scriptwriter Dave Eggers, the opposite was the case – given Maurice Sendak's original story stretched to around 300 words, just how exactly do you manage to main-

AVING taken tain the core of the narrative while adding in enough to make it a fea-ture-length film?

The answers that the pair have come up with may not suit all tastes, but Where The Wild Things Are is certainly a film that is both uniquely and indelibly Spike Jonze in spirit and feel.

The director stamps his identity all over the film, from the low-key et gorgeous visuals to the eclectic soundtrack that flits in and out of the film when needed.

Much like Wes

Anderson's take on Fantastic Mr Fox earlier this year, this is a children's film that feels far more aimed at adults than youngsters.

Both Jonze and Eggers do their best to give the character of Max a suitable back story (quick temper, bro-ken family and a sense of being an outsider) and manage to locate the dark heart that lay at the core of Sendak's original

tale.

The pair have great

ing the darkfun bringing the dark-ness to the end product; yes, the wild things themselves are cuddly of a sort, the Jim Henson Company doing a fantas-tic job in bringing these previously-only illustrated characters to wonder-ful life, but the scriptwriters give these characters a name, per-sonality and a sensibility all of their own that often comes close to being more like their

name.
Magnifying Max's attitudes and behaviour through these characters is a neat trick that may

not be keeping in tone with the source material, but at least allows the film to develop and

deliver more substance It is one of many little additions made to give the film more depth and pad out such a threadbare story, but they work in fits and starts, the film starting to feel a touch leggy as it wraps itself

up.
That isn't to take away from either Jonze's direction or the performances. Jonze brings a woozy visual feel to the film, lending it both a childlike simplicity yet also a keen eye for some beautiful shot compositions that both envelop and enrich the drawings of the original book, while the performances sit beautifully within the

film.

Max Records gives a

the young superb turn as the young runaway, capturing both the devilish attitude that gets him into trouble with a fresh naivety that slowly unravels as he finds himself getting embroiled ever more deeply into the world of the wild things; it is an

accomplished turn for a burgeoning performer. Lending their vocal talents to the titular characters, actors such as James Gandolfini, Chris Cooper, and Forest Whitaker all give won-derful performances, adding real nuance and matching the characters that are on screen superbly well.

Were it not for the

paucity of source material. Where The Wild Things Are would be a superb film that looks at the complexities of growing up and fitting in

hardly child-friendly material, but presented

in an engaging way. Unfortunately, having to pad out the material to make a feature-length film works against Spike Jonze, leaving these wild things to be a pleasing, if a touch too lengthy,

experience. VERDICT – A solidly good, vet somewhat

#### **SCREEN TALK**



#### by GARETH **JAMIESON**

lacking, piece of work, Where The Wild Things Are suffers from the need to beef up its

source material.

Wonderful direction from Spike Jonze and strong performances only just shore up the film's padded extras, but there are some joyful moments to be wrung from this intriguing film. Enjoyable.

#### Keep your eyes on Cameron's Avatar

Released today and certainly worth a mention is James Cameron's first film in 12 years, and first since the Oscar-grabbing *Titanic*, *Avatar*.

Billed as the film that will revolutionise cinema, it comes with up-tothe-minute computer generated effects and is presented in 3-D.

The film looks superb, telling the story of the attempts of the human race to mine the planet of Pandora for a mineral essential to their future, and coupled with Cameron's eye for strong storytelling and wonderful visual imagery it promises much – but will it make enough of an impact to feature in Screen Talk's fifth annual top 10?

Find out in two weeks' time, and have a great Christmas!

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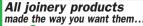
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## ut and About

### **FESTIVE DELIGHTS** AT DINAS POWYS!



WOULD be grateful if. through your newspaper, I could pass on my thanks to those involved in the Dinas Powys autumn fair - it was my first visit to this event, but it

The atmosphere was one that I had thought no longer existed - and I don't just mean the

**FAMILIES** and

children will be

Candlelight' on

the church of

Merthyr Dyfan

Lane, Colcot,

Barry.

Christmas Eve at

Merthyr Dyfan in

"Beginning at 3.30pm, and lasting for

approximately one hour,

this will be an opportu-

nity, particularly for

welcomed at

'Carols by

certainly won't be

my last.

wonderful smells wafting from the mulled wine stalls!

It was the lack of commercialism that impressed me so much. The stalls were full of home-made and handmade crafts, cakes and trinkets, mainly being sold to raise money for various charities.

There were variations on the tombola stalls, dancers in Welsh costume, and a very profes sional-sounding band playing all the tradition-

ful setting of this ancient

church, which is one of

the oldest christian sites

in Wales, believed to

date from around the year 1600," said Father

He will be taking the

Admission is free and

service and singing will be led by members of

the choir of St Paul's

Church and organist

there is car parking at

On Christmas morn-

ing, there will be carols

Robert Parish.

Mary Smith.

the church.

#### Think hard before buying festive pets! Far left. Alana PETS bought as Davies is pictured

Christmas presents can be a recipe for disaster, with animals often neglected and owners left counting the cost of a badly chosen pet, according to veterinary charity PDSA.

"We all know the expression 'a dog is for life, not just for Christmas', but people continue to buy pets as gifts at this time of year," said senior veterinary surgeon, Elaine

Pendlebury.
"We see the results of

year, and it often starts when someone decides to get a pet as a present

This is never a good idea because buying a pet is a serious commitment. Pets can make a wonderful addition to a home, but people need to think carefully to avoid making mistakes which can prove very costly, both emotionally and financially, for pets and owners alike."

For information on choosing a suitable pet and to find out what pets need, visit PDSA's online tool, 'Your Right Pet', www.your-right-

### Song for Guards in Afghanistan praised



MEETING singer/songwriter Rob Allen and the Welsh Guards at the Senedd was a "significant event" for Vale AM Jane Hutt, as she congratulated him on his initiative, backed by Mark ollard, to produce a hit song, 'Men of Harlech, Men of Cymru'

to raise funds for the Welsh Guards in Afghanistan. "I know our hearts and minds will be with those serving in Afghanistan this Christmas and I hope Rob Allen's new song will be a big hit," the AM said.

### Charity hairdressing! Hairscope on York Christmas Fayre in 17) so customers can Place, Barry, is Penarth, and has so far benefit from a great deal offering better than raised more than £2,000 and know that all on the property of the property of

half-price blow in sponsorship for Ty dries all day today, to proceeds . Hafan.

at the

WI cake

stand at

Powvs

al carols and Christmas

songs.
It was a delight to be

there. Many thanks to

(Labour parliamentary candidate for Vale

all concerned!

**Alana Davies** 

of Glamorgan)

children's hospice.

shaved Westbourne

Maria Hajigeorgis, the and giving all the owner of Hairscope and Ty part of the Asprou dynasty in Barry, whose The fundraising effort brother was responsible has been inspired by a for Henri's lost locks, local boy who recently said: "I think it's really sacrificed his luxuriant locks to raise cash for the done and he deserves our support. We're delighted

red at only £5 each today *Hickmand Road*, School's (Thursday, December *Penarth, CF64 2AJ*.

proceeds will go to Ty Hafan.

Hairscope are at 16 York Plaza (off Street), Barry. (01446 720010).

To make a donation and boost the sum Henri raised for Ty Hafan fur-ther, send a cheque, payable to Ty Hafan to: The headmaster, Hair Sixteen-year-old to contribute." Today, Gone tomorrow, Henri Armelin from Hairscope's team are sponsorship co-ordina-

#### Barry service A CHRISTINGLE

service, this Sunday, December 20, at 4pm, for families and children heralds the coming of Christmas at the Barry church of St Paul's.

The collection taken at the service is given to support children, in poor circumstances, in Wales.

Introduced by the Children's Society some 30 years ago, Christingle is now a popular family event when each child receives an orange, representing the world, four cocktail sticks contain ing fruit and sweets for the four seasons, and a lighted candle, symbolis ing Jesus as the light of the world.

The traditional service of carols, midnight mass and blessing of the Christmas crib is at 11pm on Christmas Eve and on Christmas morning, carols, procession and sung mass is at 10am

Contact Father Robert Parish on 01446 735943 for further infor

#### Barrivale results LATEST results.

Tuesday, December

1st Betty Lewis and Mark Roderick 66.25 per cent; 2nd Alan Jones and Reg Dyer 58.75 per cent; **3rd** Diana Kendrick and Tom

Kendrick 50.00 per cent. Betty and Mark also won on handicap. New members are

always welcome at Barrivale. For more information, telephone 01446 733425.

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23.30pm St Illtud's, Llantwit Major 8.15am 8.00am 9.00am 9.30am 9.30am St Michael, Llanmihangel 10.00am 10.15am St Illtud, Llantwit Major 10.30am

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BARRY MEN'S FORUM NEWS

### **Midwifery** unit gets nod of approval

PATIENTS' watch- bond with their baby
dog the Vale son," said chief officer
Community Health
Council has given a "CHC members Hospital.

large modern bedrooms, and a midwife who liaistwo of which have ensuite facilities and two with double beds, plus a birthing pool.

members were invited to unit and, at a clinical talk to two proud sets of level, all midwives are parents. The first set had trained in resuscitation recently moved from the Swansea area to the Vale Swansea area to the value and were very impressed with the care that they Harrop added.

CHC chairman, Mrs

"The tranquil atmosphere was appreciated imperative that services and one family were should be safe, but also especially contented as very important that the the midwife was able to patient experience should communicate with them be as reassuring and norin Welsh, their first lan- mal as possible.

added bonus for them ble example of these two was the double bed, requirements being met allowing the freedom to in a commendable way."

Council, has given a learned that opening the nod of approval to unit has increased the the midwifery-led number of midwives and unit at Llandough now includes those who have special interests in Facilities include five child protection issues, es with the Elan Team who look after vulnera-

ble parents. "Security seemed to On a recent visit, CHC be a high priority in the for adults and have a well-equipped room for babies in distress," Mr

Anita Morgan said: "It is

guage. "The Lianuough made"
"They said that an wifery-led unit is a visi-

#### work in Brazilian slums A recent speaker

O'Brien, who gave Daniel was born in an outline to the Cardiff and raised in forum of the ster-Barry. He has a conviction that he was ling work he and his small team of called by God to minister to the poor and dis-**Christian helpers** possessed living in hideous conditions in have been performing, for the last 19 the 'Favelas', or slums years, in central in Brazil.

video of the work he and his team have done for so many years in a land so far from their own homes.

There was, and still is, so much to be done in these slum areas throughout the povertystricken regions of He showed a moving Latin America.

### Bombay 'street food' service starts in Barry

to the town.

was Daniel

In Mumbai, once spill-proof plastic tubs.
known as Bombay, and "The menu includes
one of India's largest regional specialities in fic with their meals tion of sweets." loaded in aluminium

businessman 743030 Local Motiur Rahman has just www.tiffinrasoi.com.

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people's lunch
hours – by bringing
a touch of Mumbai a touch of Mumbai ery for people, replacing aluminium pots with

cities, 'dabbah wallahs' three-tiered containers, or delivery boys are a with authentic Mumbai common sight as they street food, wraps, paniweave in and out of traf- nis, salads, and a selec-

For more information please call or



ABOVE: Businessman Motiur Rahman is spicing up lunchtimes with an idea borrowed from India.

Daniel's team were able to feed the hungry and clothe the needy, following the Gospel commands, while all the time facing the haz ards of working and living in the appalling conditions.

Daniel emphasised that, whereas there is a huge need for creches. schools and training for youngsters, it is only by concentrated prayer that the money for such projects will materi-

In these close-knit slums, Daniel concluded, there is a need to bring the outside in and move the inside out.

In this way change can be effected and progress made.

He has seen it hap-

Meetings are held every Thursday at 10.30 a.m. after refreshments have been served

For further information, telephone 029 2059 4881.

MAC TANNER

### We can see clearly now at the PIPS!

the years.

Image Photographic Society (PIPS) – not -Society (PIPS) – not – like Jimmy Cliff and others, because "... the rains have gone", but because, thanks to the sterling work of four members of the committee and a great of £2 403 meets at 7 digital projector and lap-

top computer.

The new equipment replaces previous outdated equipment and greatly enhances presentations

The 'four musketeers'

'I CAN see clearly who negotiated the grant now...' has been a application were: speakmassive hit for ers' secretary Bernard many singers down Brown; chairman John Leaver; competitions Now it is a massive hit secretary Guy Butler-with Barry's Positive Image Photographic David Hales,

The next meeting, on January 7, will feature guru, Butler-Madden.

Positive Image Photographic Society members of the commit-tee and a grant of £2,403 meets at 7.30pm on alter-from Grants for All native Thursday Wales, the club has a new evenings at St Baruc's Church, Phyllis Street, Barry Island.

New members will be made very welcome. Further details about the enhances presentations of both members' work and that of visiting speaker/lecturers.

club are on the societies website at www.positiveimagebarry.org.uk.

We welcome your news, views and sports items. Please email them to the Editorial Department at: ggem@internet-today.co.uk

### INFORMATION FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON - OPENING HOURS from the Vale of Glamorgan Council

All main Council offices will be closed, except for pre-booked marriages at the Civic Offices, from Friday, 25 December, and will reopen on Monday, 4 January

CONTACT ONLYALE Residents are reminded that the Council's customer contact centre, Contact OneVale, will be open for enquiries during the holiday period on 28, 29, 30 and 31 December between 8,30am and 4,30pm and for emergencies at all other times. Contact (01446) 700111, email CIV@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or text CIV then your message to 60066.

REGISTER OFFICE Births, deaths, marriages and civil partnership may be registered, by appointment only, at the Civic Offices in Barry (01446 709490) and at West House in Penarth (029 2070 7862) up until Thursday, 24 December, and, at the Civic Offices only. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 29, 30 and 31 December. The office opening times are 9am-Ipm and 2-4pm.

The Cowbridge office (9.30am-Ipm) will also be open on Thursday, 24 December.

The Barry and Penarth offices will reopen on Monday, 4 January, the Llantwit Major office (9.30am-Ipm) on Tuesday, 5 January, and the Cowbridge office on Thursday, 7 January.

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All the above services will operate normal working hours throughout the remainder of

Meals on Wheels services will close on 25, 28, and 29 December; and 1 January. However, a limited meals service will be provided for those who normally receive a

The Home Care Service, based at Hen Goleg, Barry, is operating from our out of hours base from 7am to 10pm at Cartref Porthceri on 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 December 2009

The remaining services, including Child Protection and Reviewing Unit - Day Services at Hen Goleg and Woodlands (Barry) - Flying Start will be closed 25 December, 2009, to 1 January, 2010, inclusive.

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Friday, I January

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Friday, 25 Dec	Sunday, 27 Dec	Friday, I Jan	Saturday 2 Jan	

There will be no change to collections on 24, 28, 29, 30 and 31 December.

Kerbside recycling - Please continue to use our free (kerbside) service to recycle all your paper, glass, cans, cardboard and plastic. Don't forget that garden waste can be collected on a 'ring and request' basis during the winter; and may be placed kerbside from 30 November, 2009, on the date and time given by the OneVale Call Centre.

Free Christmas tree kerbside collection - From 11-15 January, 2010, on your usual refuse collection day, we will be collecting Christmas trees for composting at a local farm. Please place all trees out with your rubbish by 7am. Please ensure all decorations are removed.

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Three very young kings.



Three little Christmas trees.



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ABOVE: An angel and two Christmas trees!



Three angels from reception.

### It's showtime at Barry Comprehensive School



IN the true spirit of Christmas, family and friends were treated to a superb performance of Barry Comprehensive School's pantomine, Robin Hood, which was directed by Audra Ellis and starred both students and staff working alongside each other on stage.

This year, the school used the magic of time travel to see three key moments in Robin's life.

He was played by the very talented Bradley Miller, Nick Currie and Bradley Simpkins, and the flashbacks showed Robin's unconventional upbringing, with parents Mr Piekielniak and Tinkabell (Karen Walters), to his first date with the lady Marion, played by exchange student Maria Sandberg.

The Sheriff, who was played by the extremely comical Mr Pereira, was also played by Adam Owens and Hayden Pullum, in the character's painful memory flashbacks – and we can't forget to mention the hilariously memorable performance given by PE staff, Mr Williams, Mr Hutton and Mr Allen.

A school spokesman said: "This year also saw some final performances of some of our regular favourites in year-13. "We would like to say

"We would like to say you will be missed, but never forgotten and we are glad to see them passing the creative torch, to a whole new generation of hidden talent, within the school.

"Mrs Ellis would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'well done' to the whole cast (both on and off stage) who all worked extremely hard and gave yet again a superb performance."



Bless, little Robin and Marion.



"And remember, this was the night you were robbed by .... Robin Hood".



It's not my fault I'm bad, it's just the way I'm written.



"It's not fair, every time they make a Robin Hood panto, they burn down our village!"



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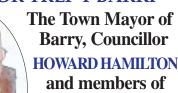
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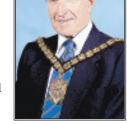
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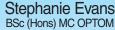
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# RISTMAS PUI

THIS year's Christmas Pudding Race, organised by Brackla Harriers in the sand dunes at Merthyr Mawr, attracted more than 600 runners.

more than 600 runners.

As usual, the 10k race began with a staminasapping slog up the 'Big Dipper' – thought to be
the biggest sand dune in Europe.

First home in the men's race was Rob Atkins
in 36 minutes, 40 seconds, winning by five seconds from Hugh Aggleton of Cardiff Harlequins.

First in the women's race, in 42 minutes, 22
seconds, was a runner from another Cardiff club,
San Domenico, Sally Haselhurst.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHS** by GLYN EVANS

Other pictures are available from this event.

Pictures can be purchased by contacting: e-mail glynevans01@tiscali.co.uk telephone 01446 773225. \*Now open in the Wool Barn, Verity's Court, Cowbridge.









ABOVE: What goes up must come down. Running back down the dunes when tired is a real test of balance!













ABOVE: 'This stream was deeper than I expected!'





# HIGH STREET CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON – A BIG SUCCESS DESPITE THE RAIN

#### PHOTOGRAPHS by IAN DIXON







As was reported in last week's GEM, it was a special night when Barry High Street turned on the Christmas lights, as these further photographs by Ian Dixon show very clearly!







RIGHT: Club captain Steve Higgins and Ethan Allison, winner of the Kyle Trophy.





THERE was a packed clubhouse for the annual presentation evening held recently at RAF St Athan Golf Club.

Club president Paul Lindsay conducted the proceedings with the club captain Steve Higgins and ladies captain Liz Thomas presenting the trophies. Of the many trophies awarded each year, the most prestigious are the championship titles and the Kyle Trophy.

onship titles and the Kyle Trophy. The Kyle Trophy goes to the member who fulfills the following criteria: (a) achieves a significant handicap reduction, (b) achieves a deal of success in all competitions entered, (c) in the opinion of the committee has been an example to all golfers both on and off the course

off the course.

Again, as in previous years, there were several members who fell into the above category but junior member Ethan Allison successfully carried of the trophy.

For the second consecutive year, Josh Hill played in the junior championship final. Runner-up last year, he fought well and defeated Kyle Bladen in one of the best matches to watch on finals day.

watch on finals day.
The Ladies championship saw Jayne
Williams play Carrie
Briggs and Carrie

proved that she was back on form after recent injury and sealed the victory.

There was rapturous applause from the floor for Ben Briggs and BJ Hawkins, the Club Championship competitors. Both players must be congratulated for the tremendous match they played over 36 holes, which saw BJ retain the club champion title.

club champion title. Husband and wife Steve and Doreen Kenyon were recognised for their tireless contributions to the club throughout the year and were delighted to be named 'Club Persons of





Ladies captain Liz Thomas with ladies champion Carrie Briggs.









Ben Briggs.



Club persons of the year, Steve and Doreen Kenyon.



Kyle Bladen and Josh Hill.

### Bethany's festive card gets off to Flying Start!



#### ABOVE:

Bethany Kinman, designer of this year's Festive Start Christmas card is pictured here with children and staff of Dechrau'n Deg.

#### News in brief

**Christmas party** THOMSON'S Travel Cowbridge is 23 from 11am.

Holiday Association', which provides holidays for needy families. cheque for £479.

**Help for Heroes** in FILCO Supermarkets in holding a Llantwit Major has raised Christmas party on December money for servicemen who have been injured in recent conflicts.

Mince pies and sherry – any The business donated drinks donations go to the 'Family and a hamper as raffle prizes, and was able to give Help for Heroes a

## Cowbridge downhill skier Sam is on the way up!

THIS year has ended with a flourish for local sixthformer Sam Stephens, who only took up competitive skiing in 2006.

In that short period of time, he has successfully managed to combine his studies with training both at the Cardiff Ski Club and at various training camps in the Alps, thanks to the support of the staff at Cowbridge

Comprehensive School. Ski racing is a highly technical sport and participation in this country is mainly based on numerous plastic slopes around the country. However, indoor facili-

ties are becoming more commonplace and races are gradually moving to that more realistic sur-

face.
Outdoor races on the

length, dependent on the length of the slope and the difficulty of the course, but generally are between 15 and 25 gates' in length. One slip over two scoring runs can result in disqualification and a wasted weekend.

Cowbridge Comprehensive School has supported ski racing for many years and produced a number of successful racers. Despite coming into the sport late, Sam has made a real impact.

In this, only his fourth year of racing, he has completed 14 events, winning his age group (under 17's) in nine of

He has also won his age group in the British Championships (finishing 9th overall), the Celtic Cup series of races and the British Schoolboys Championships



Sam was overall winner of the Welsh Schoolboys Championships (despite only being lower sixth) and finished second overall in the British

Championships. This Christmas Sam is

off to the Alps, but not for turkey and festive pudding – more a large slice of downhill train-

# Charity ball raises £3,500



VALE students Grace Shaw and Ellie Campbell raised £3,500 when they organised a charity ball on November 20 at the Bear Hotel. Cowbridge for the Joshua Foundation

and Oz experience. This project is designed to provide young people with the opportunity to change the lives of children with success!

Grace and Ellie were sincerely grateful to Sarah Cornelius, the founder of the Joshua Foundation in joining them on the night and speaking on behalf of the foundation.

Grateful thanks to all the High Street traders who donated fantastic gifts for the raffle and auction, and a special thanks to all who supported and attended the night, making it a great

#### ABOVE: Ellie Campbell, Sarah Cornelius, and Grace Shaw.

### **TOP AWARD** FOR V2C **CARETAKERS**

community caretakers Gareth Weston, Melvin Williams and Jason King recently won the accolade of Housing Heroes at the Welsh Housing Awards, organised by the Chartered Institute of Housing at Mercure Holland House Hotel in Cardiff.

Gareth Weston said: "We do a job we love, where Gareth Weston said: "We do a job we love, where small changes can make a big difference in improving communities. We get a lot of satisfaction and instant gratification from our job, not just with the work we do, but also from seeing residents' faces

when we do, out also from seeing festidents faces when we are able to help them."

The Housing Hero award celebrates the unsung heroes of the Welsh housing world, and is given to special individuals whose passion, enthusiasm and commitment has made housing a vibrant and caring

A spokeswoman stated: "Initially employed to deal with the physical appearance of V2C estates, Gareth, Melvin and Jason quickly established their value as outstanding ambassadors for V2C, identifying issues of local importance in our communities and discussing solutions with residents." and discussing solutions with residents.

"They help out at weekends where there are special events in communities, and have a deservedly high reputation with local residents.'

#### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (A4231 BARRY DOCK LINK ROAD, BARRY) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION, PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN AND PROHIBITION OF U TURN) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2009

On the 17th December 2009 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below. Ar 17 Rhagfyr 2009, yr oedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o da adran 14(1) Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 a phob p\_er galluogi arall, wedi gwneud Gorchymyn i ddibenion cyffredinol sydd wedi'u nodi yn yr Atodlen isod.

The Order will come into operation on the 18th December 2009 or on the date that the necessary Traffic Signs are in place whichever is the later and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained thereir on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been compiled with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 18th December 2009 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

#### **SCHEDULE 1**

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

The area of the A4231 Barry Dock Link Road to be affected is between its junction with the A4055 Cardiff Road and its junction with the A4050 Port Road Barry.

Hoad Barry.

In addition, the Order known as The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Route A4231 Docks Link Road, Barry) (50mph Speed Restriction) Order 2005 will be suspended for the duration of the works.

To allow essential road improvements to be undertaken, together with Reason

From 06:00Hrs on Monday 4th January 2010, for a maximum period of 18 months, or until such time as the 30mph Traffic Signs are removed, Duration

SCHEDULE 3

2. No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to turn right at the locations specified in Schedule 4.

SCHEDULE 4
The right turn from the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road into Coldbrook Road, Location

Alternative In a southeasterly direction to the roundabout at the junction of A4055 Cardiff Road, then "U" turning at this junction, back along the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road then turning left into Coldbrook Road.

The right turn from Argae Lane onto the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road. Alternative Route

In a southeasterly direction to the roundabout at the junction of A4055 Cardiff Road, then "U" turning at this junction, back along the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road.

The right turn from A4231 Barry Docks Link Road into Argae Lane In a northwesterly direction to the roundabout at its junction with Gilbert Lane/Trem Y Coed, then "U" turning at this junction and travelling back along the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road and turning left into Argae Lane. Alternative Route

To allow essential road improvements to be undertaken, together with

From 06:00Hrs on Monday 4th January 2010, for a maximum period of 18 months, or until such time as the No Right Turn Traffic Signs are removed, whichever is the sooner. Duration

#### **SCHEDULE 5**

2. No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to change direction by means of a U Turn at the location specified in Schedule 6.

## SCHEDULE 6 The A4231 Barry Dock Link Road from the roundabout at the junction with the A4055 Cardiff Road to the junction with Coldbrook Road.

To allow essential road improvements to be undertaken, together with

From 06:00Hrs on Monday 4th January 2010, for a maximum period of 18 months, or until such time as the works are completed. Duration

Dated this 17th day of December 2009.

M. Punter, Head of Visible Services Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

#### **GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2009 (DROS DRO)** (FFORDD GYSWLLT DOCIAU'R BARRÍ (A4231),Y BARRI) (CYFYNGU CYFLYMDRA I 30 M.Y.A., GWAHARDD TROI I'R DDE A THRO PEDOL)

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 18 Rhagfyr 2009 neu gyn gynted ag y bydd yr holl arwyddion angenrheidiol wedi'u gosod os na fyddant yn eu lle'n brydlon. Cewch weld copi o'r Gorchymyn yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau arferol swyddfa.

Os hoffech ddadlau'n erbyn dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'i ddarpariaethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf uchod b er i'w gweithredu, neu am y tybiwch eu bod yr methu â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf uchod neu un o'i hofferynnau, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o 18 Rhagfyr 2009 i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwnnw.

ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd hawl i neb yrru na chaniatáu i neb arall yrru'n gyflymach na 30 milltir yr awr yn y mannau sydd wedi'u nodl yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2
Bydd y gorchymyn yn berthnasol i Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231) rhwng y gyffordd â Cardiff Road (A4055) a'r gyffordd â Port Road y Barri (A4050).

Bydd Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2005 (Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri A4231) (Cyfyngu Cyflymdra i 50 m.y.a.) yn cael ei atal yn ystod y gwaith

Gwneud gwaith angenrheidiol i wella'r ffordd a'r holl waith sy'n gysylltiedig â

18 mis ar y mwyaf o ddydd Llun 4 Ionawr 2010 (06.00) ymlaen, neu hyd nes y bydd yr arwyddion '30 m.y.a'. wedi'u tynnu. Cyfnod

ATODLEN 3
2. Ni fydd hawl i neb droi i'r dde na chaniatáu i neb arall droi i'r dde wrth yrru yn y mannau

svdd wedi'u nodi vn Atodlen 4.

ATODLEN 4
Y troad i'r dde o Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231) i Coldbrook Road, y

Gyrrwch i gyfeiriad y de-ddwyrain at gylchfan wrth ymyl y gyffordd â Cardiff Road (A4055). Gwnewch dro pedol wrth y gyffordd honno, gyrrwch yn ôl ar hyd Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231) a throwch i'r chwith i Coldbrook Road. Ffordd Arall

Y troad i'r dde o Argae Lane i Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231). Gyrrwch i gyfeiriad y de-ddwyrain at gylchfan wrth ymyl y gyffordd â Cardiff Road (A4055). Gwnewch dro pedol wrth y gyffordd honno a gyrrwch yn ôl ar hyd Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231).

Y troad i'r dde o Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231) i Argae Lane. Lleoliad Ffordd Arall

Gyrrwch i gyfeiriad y gogledd-orllewin at gylchfan wrth ymyl y gyfordd â Gilbert Lane/Trem Y Coed. Gwnewch dro pedol wrth y gyffordd honno, gyrrwch yn ôl ar hyd Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231) a throwch i'r chwith i Argae Lane.

Gwneud gwaith angenrheidiol i wella'r ffordd a'r holl waith sy'n gysylltiedig â 18 mis ar y mwyaf o ddydd Llun 4 Ionawr 2010 (06:00) ymlaen, neu hyd nes y bydd yr arwyddion 'Dim Tro i'r Dde' wedi'u tynnu. Cyfnod

ATODLEN 5

3. Ni fydd hawl i neb newid cyfeiriad na chaniatáu i neb arall newid cyfeiriad drwy droi ei gerbyd yn y mannau sydd wedi'u nodi yn Atodlen 6.

ATODLEN 6
Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231) o'r gylchfan wrth y gyffordd â Cardiff Road (A4055) i'r gyffordd â Coldbrook Road. Gwneud gwaith angenrheidiol i wella'r ffordd a'r holl waith sy'n gysylltiedig â

Cyfnod 18 mis ar y mwyaf o ddydd Llun 4 Ionawr 2010 (06:00) ymlaen, neu hyd nes y daw'r gwaith i ben.

Dyddiedig 17 Rhagfyr 2009

M. Punte

nnaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenfô, CF5 6AA.

## Sea View RFC says... "WELCOME BÅCK, MR PRESIDENT!"



ABOVE: A warm welcome for the club's first president, Des Barrett.

MEMBERS of Sea Des is now in the final rugby and Sea View are Des and thank you for RFC were stages of recovery and extremely lucky to have everything you've done upon his return to the someone of his stature for us." delighted recently when their inauguclub, he was greeted by many players, commitral president, Des tee and family mem-Barrett, was able to bers and awarded with Barrett, was able to the first-ever club presidency of Sea View RFC." take office.

A club spokesman explained: "This "This He continued: "Des is a WRU referee assesannouncement been postponed for been postponed for sor and is responsible many months as Des, for maintaining a high unfortunately, became standard of referees ill and has been unable throughout Wales.

inspirational in the creation

View Calendar, available from CostCutter of the club, and we strongly believe that we Island, or from the wouldn't be where we club's website at are today if it wasn't www.seaviewrfc.co.uk. for him.

"After accepting his presidency, he even produced some educa-tional handbooks to

"We are happy that breathes the sport of "Congratulations, Appeal

"He has been both View Calendar, avail-Plymouth Road, Barry

> Copies are winging their way to France and India and are being handbooks to sold in aid of the Welsh

### Cowbridge Town Firsts are enjoying their hot streak!

AFTER a weatherenforced threeweek break, Cowbridge Town First XI produced a terrific second half performance to seal a 5-2 victory at home to Glenbrook "B" of Dinas Powys.

On a sunny but cold afternoon, the home side enjoyed some good early possession, with new signing Josh Llewellyn-Jones show-ing some classy touches out wide.

The breakthrough

for Town came courtesy of a determined Lloyd Lewis run, the

a penalty.

THE Cowbridge Warriors

under-12 football team played

Barry Eagles in the quarter-

finals of the knock-out cup and

the warriors' league form

strongly suggested they were

A lovely pass from Owain Llion to

midfielder sliding the ball home after latching on to a defencesplitting pass.

A corner for Glenbrook then produced an immediate response as a bouncing ball was adjudged to have been handled by the unfortunate Matt Little. The away side made it 1-1 from the

Undeterred, Town pressed on and controlled the tempo of the game with their effective five-man midfield and made it 2-1 as Nic Vaile hit a piledriver that flew in off the underside of the

As is becoming a regular occurrence this season, the half-time team talk went straight out of the window early in the second half as Glenbrook produced a headed equaliser to test Town's resolve. There were to be no

regrets from the home side however, as captain Craig Burrows rallied his troops. The tough-tackling midfielder ensured Cowbridge pushed forward and from a Jack Gavin corner, he headed home superbly to restore Town's lead. At the back, Mark Rollings was domi-

The Cowbridge Warriors win through in cup-tie The Eagles fought back with a goal, and only good defence from Jac

Robson kept the interval score at 2-1. Rock steady performances from Amos Booth and Leon Gorman allowed the Warriors to attack and a concentrating on the Cup this handball incident meant Joe Treherne took his second penalty chance.

The Warriors conceded a late goal Ryan Thomas set up the important to make it 3-2, but goalie Jac Davies opening goal for Cai Owen, and soon kept the brave Eagles at bay, and the after Joe Treherne cooly slotted home man of the match was Dan Oddy.

Hamilton, Max Lloyd and Nathan

nant, with Dan Hughes linking up well down the left flank and Matt Little as dependable as ever. With frustration creeping in to the away side's game, Brook saw their powerful centre-back receive his marching orders and Town were in the mood to capitalise.

Josh Llewellyn-Jones capped a fine debut with a solo effort of great quality as he side-footed a fourth before Matthew Pound combined with fellow substitute Luke James to make it 5-2 and game over.

This was an excellent overall performance from the side that have now scored 12 goals in two matches. Consecutive home games now round off 2009 for the red and blacks.

It's a 2pm kick off at the Bear Field this Saturday where Town will look to make it three wins on the trot. As always your attendance will be appreciated by the lads.

### Llantwit under-11s come out on top in edge-of-seat game

LLANTWIT Major under-11s entertained Fairwater at the Rec on Sunday and with thoughts of last season's cup defeat, the team did not want to be outplayed this time.

and from the very first moment the intentions of the young boys was to get in the faces of the opposition.

A maul formed on the left hand side of the field. Joe Nott managed to rip the ball from his team mates who had driven up field and he of the day, converted by the trusty boot of Harry Morgan-Grant.

Fairwater were not going to let Llantwit have it all their own way and from the kick-off managed to catch them a little flat-footed and scored in the corner.

Llantwit returned the compliment and from a maul, Joe Nott spun it out to Morgan-Grant, who scored his second try of the season, which he duly converted.

Fairwater, however. managed to even the score at half-time.

Llantwit picked up the tempo in the second half, and tried everything to put the game to

However, Fairwater were not going to roll over and let Llantwit have it all their own way. With the scores even at 14 points all, Llantwit were awarded a penalty just 10 metres from the line and Joe Nott crashed over the line with several players hanging onto him to score his second of the

were hotly contested, with the play going one way and then the other. However, with just sec-onds to go, Fairwater

team effort and although the man-of-the-match was awarded to Scott Ankin, this could have been any of the players. Final score: 28-21 to Llantwit Major..

going to be an easy task as the opposition were short of players and had drafted in a couple of older boys to make up the numbers.

Undaunted, the boys tackled their hearts out, but with the larger bovs

Llanharan had scored

game with a well-taken tap penalty from Joe Nott, who crashed over the line to score. This was converted to make the score 14-7.
With a few bumps

and bruises, the under-11s gave it their all. However, Llanharan

ond half, Llantwit fought managed to score their their way back into the third and final try late in the second half to make the score 21-7.

The coaches were very pleased with the attitude of the boys, and as there were older boys in the opposition, the coaches considered this a moral victory.

Team: Joe Nott, Ethan

(man-of-the-match), Scott Bunting, Harry Morgan-Grant, Alex Parry, Alex Wear, Tom Slimmings, Ben Simpson-McCourt, Cai Jones, Taylor Mason, Evan Holloway, Luc Morgan and Joe Hanson.

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#### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL **PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT, 1990 CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG DEDDF CYNLLUNIO (ADEILADAU RHESTREDIG** AC ARDALOEDD CADWRAETH) 1990

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments: HYSBYSIR trwy hyn i geisiadau gael eu gwneud i'r Cyngor am ganiatâd cynllunio ar gyfer y datblygiadau canlynol:

### Development in Conservation Areas Datblygiad mewn Ardaloedd Cadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig:

Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth

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day, and Llantwit's third. The last 10 minutes were caught off-side. Llantwit were award-

ed the penalty and quick-thinking scrumhalf Tom Slimmings darted over to score, again converted by Morgan-Grant. This was a very good

Having played one tough match, the team were looking forward to playing Llanharan.

However, this was not

from Llanharan dictating the play, Llantwit were really up against it. Before they knew it,

two tries, both converted to make the score at half time 14-0.

2009/01240/FUL Proposed new foot bridge and vehicle cross over and parking bay Boverton Garden Centre, 1, Boverton Brook Shops,

2009/01244/FUL Proposed residential development (2 dwellings) with on site car parking and amenity facilities Land at Bank House, Durrell Street, Llantwit Major

2009/01248/FUL Residential Alterations/Extension 50, Clive Place, Penarth

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2009/01253/FUL Replacement of front entrance screen and door to foyer and installation of glazed handrail to step Windsor Court, The Esplanade, Penarth

2009/01261/FUL Change of Use from Shop A1 to Shop A3 - for use as Breakfast @ Timothy's 6, Station Approach, Penarth

### <u>Listed Building Consent</u> <u>Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig</u>

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig:

2009/01250/LBC
New external door and window to rear elevation. Form new en-suite bathroom with associated internal alterations Llwyn Celyn, 77, High Street, Cowbridge

Location:/Lleoliad: Listed Building:/A deilad Rhestredig

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Location:/Lleoliad:

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Dated: 17 December, 2009 Head of Planning and Transportation The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry CF63 4RT

Dyddiedig: 17 Rhagfyr, 2009 Rob Thomas Pennaeth Cvnllunio a Chludiant Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Swyddfa'r Doc, Dociau'r Barri, Y Barri

### WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE?

Mrs Judith Devine – 9 St John Close, Cowbridge - single storey kitchen/dining extension to front of property and conversion of existing integral garage into utility room and store within single storey extension.
Mr Lok Moinon – 19
Fairfield Crescent,
Llantwit Major – two storey extension and attached garage. Mr Mark Haynes – field adjacent to Llangan Primary School, Llangan – installation of wind turbine. Mr and Mrs Stanley
13 Barrians Way, Barry – erection of two storey extension and alterations to existing dwelling to provide dis-abled ground floor facilities and additional first floor bedroom. Mr David Evans Clevis Orchard, Colwinston - increase in height of dwelling providing first floor accommodation. Introduction of six dormers and replacement conservatory.

Dow Corning Ltd – Dow Corning Ltd, Cardiff Road, Barry construction of 5010 particulate scrubber, vent and steelwork platforms together with associated plant modifi-

cations.

Abertawe Bro

Morgannwg University Local Health Board –

Cowbridge Health Centre, Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge – change of use of health centre to financial and professional services (class A2).

Mr Martin England – The Hawthorns, Argoed, Llansannor – removal of agricultural occupancy condition (condition 1) of planning consents 74/0960 and 75/01479.

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Local Health Board – Cowbridge health Centre, Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge – change of use of health centre to offices (class B1).

Abertawe Bro
Morgannwg University
Local Health Board –
Cowbridge health
Centre, Old Hall, High
Street, Cowbridge –
proposed change of use
from health centre to
dentist.

Abertawe Bro
Morgannwg University
Local Health Board –
Cowbridge Health
Centre, Old Hall, High
Street, Cowbridge –
lawful development certificate for proposed
change of use from
health centre to creche
(D1).
Simon Heselton – Cross

Simon Heselton – Cross Green, Llancarfan – two storey extension with various roof alterations.

Mr Gerald Porter – 41
Peterswell Road, Barry
– new first floor conservatory/sunroom constructed above open

porch as existing. Mr Ian Pearson – Sabal House, 24 Pwll-y-Min Crescent, Peterston-Super-Ely – fell pine at end of garden. Mr Liam Ginn – College

Mr Liam Ginn – College Lodge, Townmill Road, Cowbridge – fell six Lawsons Cypress in rear garden. Mrs Lynne Cross – 17

Shakespeare Road,
Barry – to install a conservatory to the rear of existing dwelling.
Mr J David Davies – land opposite Court
Newydd Farm, St
Brides Major – regularisation of change of use

isation of change of use of land and barn to riding and trekking centre. Mr Mark Pearce – 30D Archer Road, Penarth raise ridge height of part of existing dwelling, convert rear section of existing garage to study and utility room, amend windows and external

material. Mr Simon Sandford-Taylor – **9 Nantlais, Corntown, Bridgend** – variation of condition 3 to previously approved application 2009/00230/FUL to

2009/00230/FUL to allow clear glazing in the ground floor window nearest the boundary of property and instead raise the height of the boundary fence to 1.8m. Mr David Callow – Beechwood Hollow, City, Llansannor – sin-

gle storey study extension.

Mrs Diana Reynolds –

The Spinney,

Colwinston – to convert existing integral garage space into additional living space and to provide detached garage space to garden area

detached garage space to garden area.

Mr Simon Vaughan – Maerdy Newydd Stables, Bonvilston – existing field shelter (previously approved for temporary consent only). Mr Gareth Halliwell – Llan farm, Llan Road, Marcross – proposed extension and alterations to existing dwelling. Mr Nick Cummings – 23 Mountbatten Road, Barry – two storey extension to side and rear of property. Action for Children – Headlands School, St Augustine's Road,

Headlands School, St Augustine's Road, Penarth – pitched roof and plant room extension to school block. Action for Children – Unit 2, Headlands School, St Augustine's Road, Penarth – temporary accommodation to house school during works to school block. Vale of Glamorgan Council – Albert Road

Council – Albert Road Primary School, Albert Road, Penarth – to install new ventilation plant in school kitchen and extract to the roof for Health and Safety reasons.

Mrs Susan Hooper –

Maes Isha, Heol Las,
Wick – retention of stables, feed store and tack
room.

Mrs Beatrice Jennings –

Mrs Beatrice Jennings – 34 Coychurch Rise, Barry – proposed shower room extension.
Mr Denys Pringle – 14
Eckley Road, Sully –
proposed two storey side
extension and front

porch.
Llanelli Sand Dredging
Ltd – Nobel Banks,
Southwest of Gower,
Area 476 – increase in
amount of materials to
be dredged per year,
from 300,000 tonnes to
500,000 tonnes.
Post Office Ltd – Barry
Branch Post Office, 3-5
Holton Road, Barry –

Post Office Lie Barry
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Holton Road, Barry –
installation of an external automatic teller
machine to front elevation of building.
Mr Terrence A Morgan –
Ground floor flat, 44

Windsor Road,
Penarth – retention of
replacement conservatory plus alterations to two
storey storage unit.
Mr Eiffon Jones – land
next to 24 Cedar Road,

Eglwys Brewis – detached five bedroom dwelling house with associated parking without compliance with condition 7 of planning permission

2008/00179/FUL (vehicular turning head). Dr Anthony Godfrey – **66 Victoria Road, Penarth** – amendments to existing full planning approval. Construction

approval. Construction of block of five garages of larger size then existing to house size of larger modern cars.

Construction of lean-to conservatory at rear/side of existing building.

Mr Richard Penketh -

Warren House, Craig Pennlyn – regularise unauthorised extension and variation of condition 2 of planning application 2002/00138/FUL. Mr David Chandler – 51 South Road, Sully – single storey rear extension to dining area. Mr Stephen Berry – 27

sion to dining area.
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Victoria Road, Penarth
– amendments to rear
elevation of dwelling
installation of roof
lights.

lights.
British Soils (Western)
Ltd – Horticultural
Works, Station Yard,
Station Road East,

Wenvoe – change of use of area of agricultural land to land associated with commercial soils and turf business, plus retention of a screening wall and hardstanding and the construction of a desludging chamber, four storage bays and a lagoon for the improved disposal and recycling of surface water.

Mr and Mrs Keith

Mr and Mrs Keith Edwards – 71 Cornerswell Road, Penarth – proposed single storey rear extension. Mr Ashley Cooper – The Old Vicarage,

The Old Vicarage, Church Road, Llanbethian, Cowbridge – erection of singe storey, two-car

garage.
Sainsbury's
Supermarkets – 28
Windsor Road,
Penarth – new shop
front and refrigeration

plant to rear. Mr Richie Adams – 9 Millwood Rise, Barry – single storey rear extension.

TIX EUROPE – Unit B, Valegate Retail Park, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff – proposed primary sign. Fitz Project

Management – 2 The Hollies, Flanders Road, Llantwit Major – two storey extension to existing house. Mr Lee Pearce – 7

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Millbrook Close, Dinas
Powys – construction of
second storey onto a single storey kitchen extension.

Mr Robert Wall – Old Barn, Picketston, St Athan – two storey extension.

The Matthew Prewett
Trust – Sutton Farm,
Fort Road, Lavernock,
Penarth – extension of
approved residential curtilage and retention of
storage building.
Dr B and Mrs J
Humphreys – 1 Cwrt y
Vil Road, Penarth –

single storey rear extension to provide kitchen and living space.

Mr Craggs – 92
Churchfields, Barry – conservatory.

Mr Roger Thomas –

Cliff Lea, Cliff Parade, Penarth – extensions to form single storey garden room/store/cloakroom and associated works.

works.
Mr M Tandy – 17
Bassett Road, Sully –
single storey extension
and conversion of
garage to bedroom.

Mr Mark Tyso – 76
Lavernock Road,
Penarth – single storey
rear extension.
Ms Angela Palmer – 18
Craig yr Eos Road,
Ogmore-by-Sea – alterations to roof including
dormer and balcony
together with replacement garage.
Mr Crompton – 4
Fairlight, Michaelston
Le Pit – construction of

Fairlight, Michaelston Le Pit – construction of new stone-faced boundary wall to height of 1,800mm including blockwork retaining wall.

Mrs Jackie James – Blodfa, Corntown – proposed two storey side and rear extension including internal alteration and window replacement. Mr Simon Coffey – 10 Windsor Terrace,

aton and window replacement. Mr Simon Coffey – 10 Windsor Terrace, Penarth – rear detached garage with storage. Mr Ihsan Cecan – Major Best Kebab, East Street, Llantwit

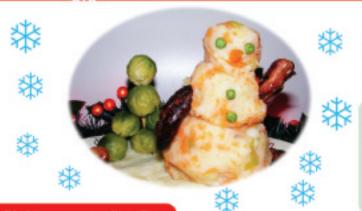
Major – retention of stainless steel roof stack to kebab kitchen and wooden summerhouse to rear garden. Addition of new side access gate to rear garden. Mr and Mrs Craig

Mr and Mrs Craig Hewitson – 57 Hinchsliff Avenue, Barry – ground floor rear extension, and double storey side exten-

Mr Misra – Pen-y-Bryn, Leckwith Road, Llandough – conservatory to front.

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## What's in your bin this Christmas



The amount of waste we produce increases considerably during the festive season. We appreciate that this is a busy time for everybody but we would ask all our residents to spare a thought for the environment by reducing their waste. Simple measures such as not buying or cooking too much food can not only reduce your waste, but also save you money.

#### Real Christmas tree collection



Place your real domestic tree at the kerbside by 7am during Monday 11th January – Friday 15th January on your usual refuse collection day. Residents are asked to ensure all decorations are removed. The trees will then be taken to a local farm where our green and food waste is composted.

#### Christmas recycling tips:

#### **Christmas Cards**

Recycle your Cards at School, in the kerbside recycling or at WHSmith, TK Maxx and M&S stores.

#### Yellow Pages

Many schools are collecting these for recycling as part of an inter schools competition.

Electrical items (WEEE) can be recycled at our two household recycling centres at Sully and Llandow.

#### Food Waste

Check out www.lovefoodhatewaste.com for great recipe ideas and tips to help to ensure that little food is wasted.

#### Alternative recycling/refuse arrangements

Month	Normal collection date	Holiday collection date
December 2009	Thurs 24"	No Change
	Fri 25"	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>
	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	No Change
	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	No Change
5	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	No Change
100,000	Thurs 31"	No Change
January 2010	Fri 1"	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>

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## Cottrell Park ladies look back on a great 2009!

A TOTAL of 72 Cottrell Park ladies started their Christmas celebrations with an excellent Christmas lunch, after 39 had braved the mud and played a 12hole team Stableford competition.

The winning team was Jan Gambling, Toots Plant and Becki



ABOVE: Debbie Tallbot receives her bouquet of flowers. knock-out cups by Lorraine Pointon Bell.

place were Helen Evans, Sheila Mitchell and Shirley Williams

Following the meal, the ladies' captain Margaret Thomas presented the annual

First, a presentation of flowers and a voucher was given to Debbie Tallbot, the golf shop manager, who is leaving for pastures new. Debbie has always been very helpful and her cheerful friendly face will be missed by all.

Prizes were then presented to the following: **Louise Case**, winner of

both the Mackintosh and Button singles knock out; Rebecca Flavin, second team player of the year and winner of the birdie tree, a GUW Medal, and a Golf Foundation Brooch; Mary Watkins was runner-up

in the Button singles; Helen Evans took the Cup of achievement': Angela Padfield won the Macmillan spoon; Vicki Long took the Llanfair trophy and Button summer eclectic; Lorna Monks won the Mackintosh summer eclectic; Sara Williams

took the summer

league; Helen Little a birdie tree; Shirley
Williams won the Par
Trophy; Alma Davies the Pencarrig Cup; Jeannette Williams the Grandmothers Cup; Liz Overton the Dragon Brooch: and Faith Crookes the Breakthrough cancer

brooch.
This was followed by the monthly medal and stableford awards.

Margaret Thomas thanked the ladies who helped with the organi-sation of the day and wished all the ladies a very happy Christmas



Art exhibition AN exhibition at the Vale Council's art Council's space, Art Central, highlights work by artists from the Penarth and Sully areas.

'Art 4 All' brings together artists Peggy Davies, Martin Harvey, Anne Williams, Brenda Shepherd and Lois Start in a variety of mediums

Art Central is also displaying entries received in the Vale's first open art competi-tion – 'Spirit of Winter.

BASTKET-BALL development centre has been launched in the Vale and talented boys aged 13 to 15 have been chosen for weekly training sessions at Cadoxton the Sports Hall in

Barry. The centre was set up by Andrew Leftey, head of boys PE at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School, and Ben Williams, one of the Vale Council's 5x60 officers.

Andrew, who is also ularly to a good stan-involved with Cardiff dard." Celts Basketball Club and coaches the interunder-18 national squad, said: "There are a lot of boys who enjoy hopes that the age casually in the Vale, so ed next season to allow

ABOVE: Basketball players are working on their skills at a development centre set un by Andy Leftey (left of group) and 5x60 officer Ben Williams (right).

Search for wannabe

basketball stars

professional coaching in an organised setup.

"They will make progress by training alongside other talented players and will hopefully go on to continue playing basketball reg-

The squad will play from around teams Wales and the south west, and there are basketball groups can be expandwe wanted to give them more youngsters the opportunities to receive chance to shine.

WHAT'S ON in brief PACT meetings BUTTRILLS PACT, Philip John Community room, Library, Barry December

6.30pm.
St Brides PACT. St Brides Church Hall, Wednesday, January 6 at

Cornerswell PACT, Cogan Leisure Centre, January 7 at 7pm.

If you have any issues that ae affecting your quality of life, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing team or log onto www.ourbobby.com

Wenvoe services CHRISTMAS services at St Mary's Church, Wenvoe, begin on Christmas Eve with carols around the tree at 5pm.

Eucharist 10.15am.

### Barry YMCA is hailed as the best gymnastics club in all of Wales!

ABOVE:

Louise Case was presented with the

has beaten off strong competition from numerous gymnastics clubs in Wales to be recognised as the 2009 'Club of the Year' by the governing body for the sport, Welsh Gymnastics.

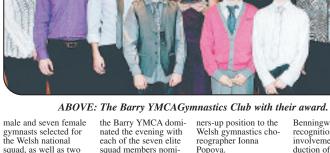
This award has been won by the club twice in the four years the annual awards have been operating, a fantastic achievement and acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication of all those involved in the club.

The awards evening was held in the Vale of Glamorgan Hotel and Golf Resort, Hensol, with Barry YMCA jun-ior elite Barry gymnast Iwan Mepham opening the event by reading grace in Welsh to an audience of 500.

The club was pleased to have its award pre-sented by Jamie Baulch - British Sprint Athlete and Welsh Commonwealth Games participant. Jamie has medalled for Britain in the World Indoor Athletics

Championships, World Championships and Olympic Games.

The club of the year award recognises the year's achievements, which included seven



male and one female gymnasts selected for the British National squad, and a number of Welsh and British cham-

As well as high performance results, the club was also recognised for the opportunities provided at grass roots levels and the involve-ment of more than 800

members.
The club has already been recognised by British Gymnastics and received the 'Gym Mark' endorsement to show that the club is a safe, effective, child friendly facility.

The male artistic gymnastics section at each of the seven elite squad members nominated for individual awards and receiving their international feath-

Joseph Rowlands was selected as the most promising male artistic gymnast, with Iwan Mepham, Ben Dennis and James Elliott all as runners-up.

In the senior category, the award of male gymnast of the year went to Clinton Purnell, with team mate Nathan Mullett as the runner-up.

Male coach Pete Haysham was short-listed as high performance coach of the year, a title which he held in 2008, but on this occasion he graciously took the runners-up position to the Welsh gymnastics choreographer Ionna

Popova. The girls did not disappoint, with Barry gymnasts Olivia Bryl and Kiera Brennan who train as part of the Welsh Gymnastics Academy were short-listed for awards. Olivia, who has been a Barry gymnast for 16 years, was the clear winner of the female artistic gymnast of the year.

Lorelei Westcott was

nominated as senior rhythmic gymnast of the year for the fourth year in a row, but had to settle for the runner-up position to Francesca Jones, whose results

were quite outstanding Gymnastics develop ment co-ordinator Fav

Benningwood received recognition for her involvement in the intro-duction of gymnastics to beginner level children and was short-listed as participation coach of

the year.
The Barry YMCA offers opportunities for children from ages one-16 and has recently increased their pro-gramme to adults who can participate in a weekly gymnastics and fitness class.

The club is operated by a coaching staff of 18 and 27 volunteers. Without these people the club could not operate at such high standards.

For more information about the club or to enrol please contact Fay Benningwood on 01446 724002.



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LEFT: Vicki Long with the Llanfair Trophy.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003

LICENSING ACT 200:
To whom it may concern:
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that we have applied to the
Licensing Authority (Vale of
Glamorgan Council) for the
grant of Premises Licence at
Farthings at Home.
The application is for sale of
alcohol during the opening
time of the delicatessen from
8am until 8pm everyday.
Any persons wishing to make
representations to this
application may do so in representations to this application may do so in writing to the Licensing Department, Vale of Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU, not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. Representations received after this date will no be considered. A copy of the application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum

this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.

Serge Luceau Tuesday 8th December, 2009

#### Gambling Act 2005 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Gambling Act 2005 September 2007.

The Gambling Act contains a regulatory system to govern the provision of all gambling in Great Britain. The regime provides local regime provides local authorities with extended responsibilities licensing premises for the purpose of gambling.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council intends to publish a Statement of Principles which shall come into effect on 31st January 2010. This Statement will set out in broad terms how the applications etc over the next three years.

It is available from our website www.vale-ofglamorgan.gov.uk, email Licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or by contacting the Licensing Section on by contacti Licensing Se 01446 709105

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Martin Hughes, Secretary, on behalf of Board of Directors

#### Lost & Found

#### LOST

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#### **Betty Slatter**

1928-2009

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all the care and support our mother received at The Princess of Wales Hospital and Bro Castle Manor, Bridgend.

Bob and Valerie, Brendan and Enora, Crissie, Max and Leanne, Colin and Julia.



#### **OWEN**

Family Notices

Stephen Christopher Sadly passed away on December 6, 2009, Steve, formerly of Llantwit Major. Dearly loved son of Rebecca Hall and John Owen and a loving brother to Danielle and Rachel. Resting at WA Brown & Son, Pembroke House, Llantwit Major until the funeral service in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Friday December 18 at 2pm. Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home

#### **HOWE** Gareth Dudley

On December 11th, Gareth of Barry, died peacefully at University Hospital, Wales, Cardiff.

Husband of Carys, father of Christopher Ceri and Nerys, father-in-law of Lisa, Suzie and Pete grandfather/Taid of James, Catrin, Rachel, Mathew, Benjamin and Georgia.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Following a private interment a Thanksgiving Service will be held at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, Barry on Friday, December 18th at 11.15am. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to NSPCC c/o James, at Marke ns 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ.

#### Graham Rowe Phillips

Dilwen and family are grateful for the warmth, kindness and expressions of sympathy shown to them in their sad loss. Sincere thanks to the Rev John Webber, W James & Sons Funeral Directors and eryone involved in the moving service. Many thanks for the generous donations towards The Galilee Chapel Project, St Illtud's Church.

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#### **Lost in Fontygary Road area** of Rhoose on 7th December



Large short-haired grey tabby cat with black stripes and greeny-yellow eyes by the name of "Tigger"

Any information, call

|**01446 719516** or **07846 471367** 

#### Birthdays Medium/Glairvoyant

#### Happy 21st Birthday Gareth Jaroszynski



14.12.09 Lots of love. Mum, Alex and Laura. XXX



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opposition coaches and

There were positives,

the match.

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to weather conditions and may be cancelled, shortened or changed, but let us hope that the weather will be kind to

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Training will contin-

Christmas and

ue over Christmas and there is a potential match

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### More young girls bid for stardom on the football field!



ever are playing football in the Vale and Bridgend county borough.

Grant Kalahar, who has a combined role has a combined role developing football in both the Vale and Bridgend for the Welsh Football Trust, said: "Girls football has really kicked on this season with a lot of new players

taking up the game.
"There are some coaches excellent football, and the effective boys tiveness of their work has been proven by three players being called up to the south Wales regional

Quality coaching is 40-10 victory.

MORE girls than also reaping rewards for ever are playing boys at the Vale football development centre. overseen by D Elliott from the Daniel ne Vale Council's sports and play development team.

The Vale under-16s squad recently faced their counterparts from Newport at Jenner Park.

### Vale take the spoils in under-11 friendly

under-11 rugby team travelled to the Welfare Park last Saturday to take on Maesteg Schools in a friendly match.

From the kick off. the Vale pack won the ball and set up a ruck for the ball to be passed along the line, but good tackling from Maesteg kept them out.

The Vale forwards were winning good ball and from a ruck on the 22, Sean Boffy picked up and drove forward, passing to Thomas Jones, who stepped inside two men before setting up a ruck.

The ball was then moved to James Holder who raced in to score The try was converted

by Dafydd Smith. The Vale forwards continued to dominate, giving the backs a good platform to attack from but the Maesteg boys tackled well.

The pressure was bound to tell, however, and from a ruck on the 10-metre line, Daniel Bunney picked up and, with the help of his forwards, crashed over for an unconverted try to finish the half with the Vale leading 12 - 0.

Maesteg started the second half well and attacked at every oppor-tunity but good tackling from the Vale boys kept them at bay.

The Vale forwards. who had been asleep for a time, now started to win good ball again and from a scrum, Joe Short

up and drove for the line but was unable to ground the ball.

scrum the ball was passed along the line but the Vale were up and was not to be denied as he crashed through to score. The try was converted by Dafydd Smith.

The remainder of the half was dominated by defence, with both sets of players tackling well. and at the whistle the Vale had won by 19 - 0.

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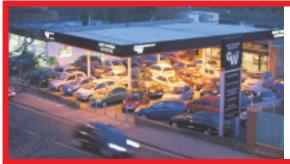


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# GEMI sport

ON a glorious but cold day last Saturday, Barry were away in their first match for weeks against Llanrumney, on a pitch that one spectator described as "good to soft going"!

Their opponents are well below them in terms of league position and it was reasonable to assume that Barry would emerge as winners.

From the outset, the home team showed far greater enthusiasm, which unsettled Barry and from an innocuous kick ahead, the ball was allowed to bounce.

Two defenders collided and from the debris the home outside centre had a reasonably easy run to the line for a try, which was converted from in front of the

Barry were exhibiting rustiness after a long lay-off, but this was no excuse for some lamentable tackling, which became a constant feature of their first half per-

Thomas.

1) and The Snail (7-1)

den by Barry Geraghty

and the latter, who was winning for the third

time on the bounce, by

Williams's assistant trainer James Tudor from

won by more than 20 lengths from the bottom-

The former was rid-

lems securing line-out ball and even the meagre possession they were getting was slavishly used as crash-ball in the centre to create some momentum.

Such a one-dimensional approach was easily coped with by a Llanrumney defence which was alert of and snuffed out every such move. Barry had no playmaker aware enough to change

One player from each side received a yellow card, but on the stroke of half- time the Barry captain, Cummings, slotted over a short range penalty to give Barry some hope of an improved second session

The second half saw the Barry eight gaining the upper hand in tight play. However, this was largely nullified by a failure to clear out opponents from the rucks.

This, with further weak tackling, allowed the home side to score a good long-range try converted to give Llanrumney an unassailable 17 – 3 points lead.

With Barry looking for a consolation try, their forwards gave the home pack a torrid time, but tactics were again awry, with penalties being kicked to touch where the jumpers were having little success.

As full time approached, the Cardiff side scored a further penalty to make the final tally a disappointing scoreline of 20-3.

If Barry felt aggrieved with the referee, it is to be noted that the same number of penalties were awarded to each side.

The afternoon was best summed up by a former Welsh international present who observed that "Barry showed none of the basic skills which we know they possess."

There were some positives: two Barry players stood out with fighting performances - Mathew George and Tom Lee.

The club hopes for a much stronger and improved performance against Blackwood next Saturday at home.

## Vale teams battle it out in lacklustre local derby

HAVING already beaten their local rivals twice this season, The Dragons' fans were expecting another comfortable win, but despite continuing the unbeaten run for Barry Town, this was a poor game with virtually all the excitement confined to the first 20 minutes

or so.
Making one change from last week's starting line-up, with Scott Jones coming in for Anthony Redwood in midfield, The Dragons started the game in familiar fashion with short sharp pass-

ing. It was from this familiar style of play that they took the lead McWhirter Welsh League **Division One BARRY TOWN** DINAS POWYS

in the 10th minute, as James Simpson scored his fourth goal in two weeks, neatly guiding his shot in via the post with the visiting 'keeper wrong footed.

With supporters now talking of the big one away to league leaders, unbeaten Goytre United, and confident of another win against Dinas, the village side scored the equaliser just minutes later

Some very smart thinking by a Dinas for-ward resulted in him taking a quick throw-in on the left with the home defence on the back foot.

Equally alert team mate Jo Hinds ran into the box and calmly lifted the ball over Dan Bradley in the Barry

That concluded any form of real excitement for the rest of the game, with neither 'keeper being extended to any great length, but both showing good handling skills in taking high balls.

Midway through the second half, Scott Jones had a chance to put The Dragons in front but ballooned his shot over the bar.

With seconds remaining and the game meandering towards a draw, Dinas substitute and former Barry Town player, Jaymes Dixon burst

through The Dragons defence and looked likely to hit the winner, only for Dan Bradley, to dive full length and palm the ball past the upright.

With the temperature noticeably dropping. apart from those two chances there was little to warm the hearts of either set of fans.

Such a match deserved only one outcome, and it got it, a 1-1 draw as neither team played to any sort of a level that would have brought a deserved win on the day.

BTSC Lotto Nos. 2.12 13. 14. 17. 18. There were no winners so next weeks Jackpot is £650.

Next game: Welsh League Division One, Goytre United (away), kick-off 2pm.

#### Meanwhile, the story from the Dinas Powys camp is...

### Honours even as Dinas Powys fight back in crucial match

FOR the third time in as many games, Dinas came from behind to frustrate local rivals Barry Town and gain a well-earned draw with their never-saydie attitude at Jenner Park.

The visitors had the first effort on goal in this game when Mark Dunford's 20-yard shot was deflected for a corner.

He had another opportunity a few minutes later when he met a good Ricki Morgan cross only to see the ball fly high over the bar.

In between, Scott Jones saw his 20-yard effort comfortably saved by Peter Blaine in the Dinas goal.

The home side were getting into their stride with their fluent passing game and Dinas were finding it difficult to contain them.

In the 10th minute their defence failed to close down James Simpson and his 20-yard shot found its way into the net via the foot of a post with the Dinas keeper stranded.

The lead lasted just four minutes, when a quick Dinas throw

found Joe Hinds.

His hooked shot from the corner of the area looped over Dan Bradley in the Barry goal and dropped inside the far post for the equaliser. The home side came back

strongly with Sam Small heading straight at the keeper, who excelled a minute later by getting a hand to a powerful Scott Jones shot following a strong run at the Dinas defence.

Despite this pressure, the visitors were getting to grips with the five-man Barry midfield, and their only real scare came late in the half, with Dan Clare heading over from a corner when he should have done better.

The first 10 minutes after the interval were relatively quiet with both sides cancelling each other out, but the home side sprang to life with Rhodri Foote doing well to concede a corner from another strong run by Scott Jones.

Mark Dunford made way for

Jaymes Dixon before a strong run by Rhodri Foote enabled him to set up Jacob Rudman, but his 20-yard shot ran wide of the post.

A Barry corner was headed over from no more than six yards, and James Simpson's long range

shot flew well wide

The arrival of substitute Dixon was causing the Barry defence problems, forcing them to concede a number of free-kicks

With the home side becoming more frustrated, the referee had to brandish a number of yellow cards their way before Jaymes Dixon had a chance for glory in the 90th minute, but Barry keeper Dan Bradley did well to parry his

The referee played five minutes of added time but Dinas held out to gain a valuable point.

Squad: 1 Peter Blaine, 2 Tom Hutton, 3 Andy Lane, 4 Owain Adams, 5 Lloyd Davies, 6 Jacob Rudman, 7 Ricki Morgan, 8 Rhodri Foote, 9 Joe Hinds, 10 Mark Dunford, 11 Josh Reffell, 12 Jaymes Dixon,14 Paul Carro, 15 Anthony Roberts, 16 Linford

Forthcoming Fixtures: Welsh League Division One, December 19: Cardiff Corries v Dinas Powys ko 2pm.

For a full list of fixtures see the club's web site: www.dinaspowys MW fc.co.uk.

#### MONEY-WINNING FORM HRISTMAS ON AND OFF THE TURF came early for with Brian Lee

**LOCAL TRAINERS ARE IN** 

Llancarfan trainer Evan Williams carried just 10 stone. Ystradowen's Bryn last Thursday at Huntingdon when he Palling made it a good day for the Vale when landed the £70,000 winning the mares stan-Totesport.Com Peterborough Chase with 12-1 chance *Deep* dard open National Hunt flat race with *Deejan*, a 14-1 outsider partnered by David England. At Leicester, 24 hours earlier, Williams and Purple who, under stable jockey Paul Moloney, came home

six lengths ahead of Vaughan both had winners. Vaughan took the opener with 18-1 chance Makhzoon and, later in Tartak, ridden by Welsh jockey Sam Then at Ludlow, he landed a 104-1 double with *Buck Mulligan* (12-

the day,
MickMacMagoole, partnered by champion jock-ey Tony McCoy, beat the favourite *Elk Trail*.

Vaughan missed see-ing Makhzoon win as he was entertaining the national and local press, who had descended on his Aberthin yard for the Coral Welsh National

Cowbridge.

The Snail, who carried top weight of 11st 12lbs, Coral Welsh National
Media morning.
Vaughan told the
press: "If I am going to
win a race like the Welsh
National, it will be with

a horse like Flintoff. He'll have a great racing weight of 10st 6lbs and he loves bottomless ground and stays for ever. He's my main contender and I think he is overpriced at the odds of

He added: "Flintoff really deserves to win a big race. He's been knocking at the door second in the Midlands National and third in the Scottish National when he was trained by Venetia Williams."

The last time a horse from the Vale was successful in the Welsh National was in 1965 when Norther, trained at Wilton Farm, Cowbridge, by Denzil Jenkins and ridden by Terry Biddlecombe beat

the Fred Winter-trained

Ouintina.

Christmas abroad for Vale cricketers A GROUP of talentyoung will be cricketers spending Christmas period 7,000 miles away from home – on

tour in Malaysia. On Boxing Day, the Cardiff and Vale undercricket team will begin their Malaysian tour, which includes a fixture against the national under-14 team.

England captain Andrew Strauss even took time to send a note of encouragement to the team which read: "To tour with any team, whether it be England or Cardiff and the Vale gives you an opportunity to see places you might not otherwise see.

"Spending together – sometimes in adversity – will bring you together as a squad.

#### Visitors most welcome



- Spinach and Mascarpone Lasagne
- Chicken and Bacon Melt
- Chefs' Chicken Curry of the Day
- Thai Red Vegetable and Coconut Curry
- Chicken Breast with Red Wine and Mushroom Sauce
- Local Pork and Leek Sausages
- Leek and Caerphilly Cheese **Glamorgan Sausages**
- Braised Steak and Mushroom Pie

- Stilton, peppered Mushroom and Onion Suet Pudding
- Hand carved Ham and free-range Eggs
- Deep-fried Scampi with Tartare Sauce
- Battered Cod and Chips
- Salmon and Dill Fish Cake with creamy Spinach Sauce
- Salad of the Day



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